



STATEMENT OF FAITH

Here is a summary of the essentials of our faith – of what Calvary Christian Church believes, holds to and lives:

1. We believe in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments in their original writing as fully inspired of God and accept them as the supreme and final authority for faith and life.
2. We believe in one God, eternally existing as three persons – Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
3. We believe that Jesus Christ was begotten of the Father, conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, and is true God and true man.
4. We believe that God created man in His own image; that man sinned; and thereby incurred the penalty of sin which is death, both physical and spiritual.
5. We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ died for our sins, a substitutionary sacrifice and according to the Scriptures, and that all who believe in Him are justified on the grounds of His shed blood.
6. We believe in the bodily resurrection of the Lord Jesus; His ascension into heaven; and His present life as our High Priest and Advocate.
7. We believe in the personal return of the Lord Jesus.
8. We believe that all who repent of their sin and receive the Lord Jesus Christ by faith are born again of the Holy Spirit and thereby become children of God.
9. We believe in the baptism in the Holy Spirit, empowering and equipping believers for service, with the accompanying supernatural gifts of the Holy Spirit; and in the fellowship with the Holy Spirit.
10. We believe in the ministries of Apostle, Prophet, Evangelist, Pastor and Teacher.
11. We believe in the resurrection of both the just and the unjust; the eternal blessedness of the redeemed and the eternal banishment from the presence of God, of those who have rejected the offer of salvation in Jesus Christ.
12. We believe that the one true Church is the whole company of those who have been redeemed by Jesus Christ; that the new birth and personal confession of Christ are an essential part of church membership.
13. We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ appointed two ordinances:
baptism in water and the Lord's supper. These are to be observed as acts of obedience and as a perpetual witness. We believe that baptism is the immersion of the believer in water as a

confession of identification with Christ in burial and resurrection; and that the Lord's supper is the partaking of the emblems symbolic of the Saviour's broken body and shed blood in remembrance of His sacrificial death, until He comes again.

14. We believe that the deliverance and divine healing was provided for in both the Old and New Testaments and is an integral part of the gospel.
15. We believe in heterosexual relationships between a natural man and a natural woman within the confines of lawful matrimony. We believe that the belief in and practice of divination, the occult, ancestral worship and idolatry is contrary to the Word of God. We believe that sex before marriage constitutes what the bible calls fornication and as such is a breach of this statement of faith.
16. We believe the Bible teaches that without holiness no man can see the Lord.
17. We believe in the doctrine of sanctification as an immediate fact when we are born again, and yet it is also an ongoing process.
18. We believe in the principle of being in authority because you are under authority. As such, it is understood that church membership shall be subject to submission to authority in matters pertaining to church governance, doctrine and personal behaviour.
19. We believe in the priesthood of all believers.
20. We believe that parents are the primary agents through whom God works in the lives of children; that parents must train up their children in the ways of the Lord without abusing their right; and that children must learn to be obedient to their parents.
21. We believe that elders must be qualified in terms of 1 Timothy 3:1-7 and Titus 1:6-9. They also disqualify themselves on the basis of these Scriptures when their personal, private and public lives are measured against these Scriptural qualifications and are found wanting.
22. We believe that the benchmark for deacons is 1 Timothy 3:8-12 and as with elders they are qualified or disqualified when measured against these qualifications.

We are open to other truths which the Holy Spirit may illuminate from Scripture, and pray that God will give us grace to be open to receive and obey His truth.

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