



CALVARY CHAPEL GLENWOOD SPRINGS, INC STATEMENT OF FAITH AND PRACTICE

Doctrine:

1. We believe that there is one living and true GOD, eternally existing in three persons: The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, equal in power and glory; that this triune God created all, upholds all, and governs all things. ([Genesis 1:1](#); [Deuteronomy 6:4](#); [Isaiah 44:8 and 48:16](#); [Matthew 28:19-20](#); [John 10:30](#); [Hebrews 1:3](#)).
2. We believe that the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the Word of God, fully inspired without error and the infallible rule of faith and practice. The Word of God is the foundation upon which this church operates and is the basis for which this church is governed. We believe that the Word of God supersedes any earthly law that is contrary to the Holy Scriptures. We believe that the King James Version of the Bible is the most accurate translation from the original ancient text. It is from this translation that we establish our doctrine and Statement of Faith. ([Isaiah 28:13](#); [Nehemiah 8:8](#); [John 17:17](#); [2 Timothy 3:16-17](#); [Hebrews 4:12](#); [1 Peter 1:23-25](#); [2 Peter 1:3-4 and 1:21](#)).
3. We believe in the person of God the Father, an infinite, eternal, personal Spirit, perfect in holiness, wisdom, power and love; that He concerns Himself mercifully in the affairs of men; that He hears and answers prayer; and that He saves from sin and death all those who come to Him through Jesus Christ. ([Deuteronomy 33:27](#); [Psalms 90:2](#); [Psalms 102:27](#); [John 3:16 and 4:24](#); [1 Timothy 1:17](#); [Titus 1:3](#)).
4. We believe in the person of Jesus Christ, God's only begotten Son, conceived by the Holy Spirit. We believe in His virgin birth, sinless life, miracles and teachings, his substitutionary atoning death, bodily resurrection, ascension into heaven, perpetual intercession for His people and personal, visible return to earth. ([Isaiah 7:14](#); [Micah 5:2](#); [Matthew 1:23](#); [Mark 16:19](#); [Luke 1:34-35](#); [John 1:1- 2, 8:58 and 11:25](#); [1 Corinthians 15:3-4](#); [1 Timothy 3:16](#); [Hebrews 1:8](#); [1 John 1:2](#); [Revelation 1:8](#)).
5. We believe in the person of the Holy Spirit, Who came forth from the Father and Son to convict the world of sin, righteousness, and judgment, and to regenerate, sanctify and empower for ministry all who believe in Christ; ([Acts 1:8](#); [2 Corinthians 3:18](#); [John 16:8-11](#); [Romans 8:26 and 15:13,16](#); [Hebrews 9:14](#)),
6. We believe the Holy Spirit indwells every believer in Jesus Christ and that He is an abiding helper, teacher, and guide. ([John 6:13, 14:16-17 and 16:8-11](#); [Romans 8:26](#)).
7. We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit and in the exercise of all Biblical gifts of the Spirit according to the instructions given to us in 1 Corinthians 12-14. ([1 Corinthians 14](#))

8. We believe that all people are sinners by nature and, therefore, are under condemnation; that God saves and regenerates based upon faith by the Holy Spirit, those who repent of their sins and confess Jesus Christ as Lord. ([Acts 8:15-17](#); [Ephesians 2:1-3 and 8-9](#); [Romans 3:23 and 5:8](#); [Titus 3:5](#)).
9. We believe in the universal church, the living spiritual body, of which Christ is the head and all who are born again are a part of the Body of Christ. ([1 Corinthians 12:12-13](#); [Ephesians 4:15-16](#))
10. We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ instituted two ordinances for the church: (a) full immersion water baptism of believers, and (b) the Lord's Supper. ([Matthew 28:19](#); [Luke 22:19-20](#); [Acts 2:38](#); [1 Corinthians 11:23-26](#)) We also believe that the Lord Jesus Christ validated the ordinance of marriage. ([Matthew 19:4-5](#) and [John 2:1-11](#))
11. We believe in the Second Coming of Jesus Christ which is His personal, visible return to earth and the establishment of His millennial kingdom, in the resurrection of the body, the final judgment and eternal blessing of the righteous and endless separation of the wicked. ([Matthew 16:27](#); [Acts 1:11](#); [Revelation 19:11-16, 20:11-15](#))
12. We believe in a literal Heaven and a literal Hell and that all those who place their faith, hope and trust in Jesus Christ will spend eternity in Heaven with the Lord, while those who reject Jesus' free gift of salvation will spend eternity separated from the Lord. ([Psalm 9:17](#); [Matthew 5:3, 5:22, 18:9 and 25:31-34](#); [Mark 9:42-49](#); [Luke 12:5](#); [John 3:18](#); [Hebrews 12:23](#); [1 Peter 1:4](#); [Revelation 14:10- 11 and 20:11-15](#))
13. We believe in the Pre-Tribulation Rapture of the Church where all believers will meet the Lord in the air and be taken out of this world prior to the Tribulation that will come upon the earth. ([Isaiah 26:20](#); [Matthew 24:29-31](#); [Luke 21:36](#); [Romans 1:18, 5:9](#); [1 Thessalonians 1:10, 4:13-16 and 5:9](#); [2 Peter 2:7-9](#); [Revelation 3:10, 5:7-10 and 7:13-14](#))
14. We believe in the creation and God as the Creator. We believe that God created man and that He created them male and female. As such He created them different so as to complement and complete each other. God instituted monogamous marriage between male and female as the foundation of the family and the basic structure of human society. For this reason homosexuality, and all other "sexual preferences" or "orientations" are unnatural, sinful, and unacceptable to God. Accordingly, this ministry will not perform any marriage ceremonies between two individuals of the same sex. It will not condone or recognize such same-sex marriages, civil unions, or domestic partnerships even if the state passes laws that provide for recognition of such unions.

We believe that marriage is exclusively the legal union of one genetic male and one genetic female sanctioned by the state and evidenced by a marriage ceremony. We also believe that legitimate biblical sexual relations are exercised solely within marriage. Hence, sexual activities such as, but not limited to, adultery, fornication, pre-marital sex, incest, polygamy, homosexuality, transgenderism, bisexuality, cross-dressing, pedophilia and bestiality are inconsistent with the teachings of the Bible and the Church. Further, lascivious behavior, the creation, viewing and/or distribution of pornography and efforts to alter one's physical gender or gender related appearance are incompatible with a true biblical witness. ([Genesis 2:24](#); [Matthew 19:4-6](#); [John 4:16-18](#); [Romans 1:18-32](#); [1 Corinthians 5:11, 6:9-11, 6:18-20, 7:1-3 and 7:8-9](#); [Galatians 5:19-21](#); [Ephesians 5:3-7](#); [1 Timothy 1:9-11](#))

We reject:

(1) The belief that true Christians can be demon possessed and are helpless against the craft and wiles of the Devil; (2) any philosophy or theology which denies that human freewill can be exercised in the receiving of Christ's free gift of salvation; specifically, we reject the belief that Jesus' atonement was limited in its extent, instead, we believe that He died for all unrighteous people and that any perceived limitation rests in one's free rejection of Christ's finished work of atonement, and we reject the assertion that God's wooing grace cannot be resisted or that He has elected some people to go to hell; instead we believe that anyone who wills to come to Christ may do so freely as a result of the Holy Spirit's conviction and wooing persuasion of the heart; (3) "positive confession," (e.g., the Faith Movement, that views faith as a force that can create one's own reality or that God can be commanded to heal or work miracles according to man's will and faith); (4) human prophecy that supersedes or is contrary to Scripture; (5) any introduction of psychology and philosophy which is contrary to Scripture and is in substance "according to the tradition of men, according to the basic principles of the world, and not according to Christ" into biblical teaching; (6) "Open Theism" or "Freewill Theism" which reduces God's timeless, unchanging, dynamic nature, and exhaustive foreknowledge of future free decisions, to creaturely modes of being and operation; (7) the "Emergent Church" movement insofar as it departs from the historic orthodox Christian doctrines in favor of postmodernism, and (8) the overemphasis of spiritual gifts, experiential signs and wonders to the exclusion of biblical teaching.

Philosophy of ministry:

We believe that the book of Acts of the Apostles, as well as the epistles of the New Testament give us the principles by which the church is to function.

We place great importance on the exposition of the Scriptures. And a specific emphasis on verse-by-verse, chapter-by-chapter teaching through the entire Bible.

We rely strongly upon the ministry of the Holy Spirit and seek to remain flexible to His leading. We believe that the Holy Spirit's leading will always be consistent with the clear teaching of the Scripture.

We are convinced that, where God guides, He provides. Therefore we trust the Lord to provide for and to build His church.

We seek to worship and serve the Lord within the context of our culture, yet we recognize that the culture must conform to the Scriptures, not the Scriptures to the culture.

Morality:

The Scriptures place a high moral standard on those who would be ministers of the Gospel. Therefore we expect moral and ethical integrity among those with whom we fellowship.

We reserve the right to disfellowship any who become doctrinally aberrant, philosophically incompatible or morally compromised.

FOR EMPLOYEES ONLY: If you understand and agree with the doctrinal, philosophical, and moral position of Calvary Chapel, sign below. If you do not understand or disagree with any part of our doctrinal, philosophical, and moral position please explain on a separate sheet of paper.