

STATEMENT OF FAITH

Calvary Chapel Mountain View has been formed as a fellowship of believers in the Lordship of Jesus Christ. Our supreme desire is to know Christ and be conformed into His image by the power of the Holy Spirit.

We are not a denominational church. We are not opposed to denominations as such, only their over-emphasis of doctrinal differences that have led to the division of the body of Christ. We believe that the only true basis of Christian fellowship is His (Agape) love, which is greater than any differences we possess and without which we have no right to claim ourselves as Christians.

- We believe worship of God should be Spiritual.
Therefore: We remain flexible and yielded to the Holy Spirit to direct our worship.
- We believe worship of God should be Inspirational.
Therefore: We give a great place to music in our worship.
- We believe worship of God should be Intelligent.
Therefore: Our services are designed with great emphasis upon teaching of the Word of God that He might instruct us how He should be worshipped.
- We believe worship of God is Fruitful.
Therefore: We look for His Love in our lives as the supreme manifestation that we have truly been worshipping Him.

We Seek to teach the Word of God in such a way that its message can be applied to an individual's life, leading that person to greater maturity in Christ.

We believe in:

- All of the basic doctrines of historic Christianity.
- The inerrancy of Scripture, that the Bible, Old and New Testaments are the inspired, infallible Word of God.
- The personal, visible, and pre-millennial second coming of Jesus Christ to the earth. He will return with His saints and set up a kingdom of which there will be no end.

- The gifts of the Holy Spirit mentioned in the Scriptures, and that they are valid for today if they are exercised within the scriptural guidelines. We as believers are to covet the best gifts, seeking to exercise them in love that the whole Body of Christ might be edified. We believe that love is more important than the most spectacular gifts, and without this love all exercise of spiritual gifts is worthless.

We believe that:

- There is one living and true God, eternally existent in three distinct persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit, equal in power and glory.
- God is the personal, transcendent, and sovereign Creator of all things.
- Jesus Christ is fully God and fully human, that He was born of a virgin, lived a sinless life, provided for the atonement of our sins by His substitutionary death on the cross, was bodily raised from the dead, ascended back to the right hand of the Father, and ever lives to make intercession for us.
- After Jesus ascended to Heaven, He poured out His Holy Spirit on the believers in Jerusalem, enabling them to fulfill His command to preach the Gospel to the entire world, an obligation shared by all believers today.
- All people are, by nature, separated from God and responsible for their own sin, but that salvation, redemption, and forgiveness are freely offered to all by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. When a person repents of sin and accepts Jesus Christ as personal Savior and Lord, trusting Him to save, that person is immediately born again and sealed by the Holy Spirit, all his/her sins are forgiven, and that person becomes a child of God, destined to spend eternity with the Lord.
- Church government should be simple, rather than a complex bureaucracy. We depend on the Holy Spirit to lead the church, rather than on fleshly promotion.

We Await the pre-tribulation rapture of the church, and We Believe that the second coming of Christ with His saints to rule on earth will be personal, pre-millennial, and visible. This motivates us to holy living, heartfelt worship, committed service, diligent study of God's Word, regular fellowship, and participation in adult baptism by immersion and Holy Communion.