

Riverside Evangelical Free Church
STATEMENT OF FAITH

1. We believe the Scriptures, both Old and New Testaments, to be the inspired Word of God, (1) without error in the original writings, the complete revelation of His will for the salvation of men, (2) and the Divine and final authority for all Christian faith and life. (3)
(1) II Timothy 3:16, II Peter 1:19-21; (2) Romans 10:17; (3) II Timothy 3:16-17.
2. We believe in one God, (1) Creator of all things, (2) infinitely perfect (3) and eternally existing (4) in three persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. (5)
(1) I Timothy 2:5; (2) Colossians 1:16, I Corinthians 8:6; (3) Deuteronomy 32:4;
(4) Isaiah 40:28; (5) Corinthians 13:14.
3. We believe that Jesus Christ is true God (1) and true man, (2) having been conceived of the Holy Ghost and born of the Virgin Mary. (3) He died on the Cross, a sacrifice for our sins according to the Scriptures. Further, He arose bodily from the dead, ascended into Heaven, (4) where, at the right hand of the Majesty on High, He is now our High Priest and Advocate. (5)
(1) I Timothy 2:5; (2) Galatians 4:4; (3) Matthew 1:20-23; (4) I Corinthians 15:3-6;
(5) Hebrews 1:3, Hebrews 4:13, I John 2:1.
4. We believe that the ministry of the Holy Spirit is to glorify the Lord Jesus Christ, to convict men of sin, (1) regenerate the believing sinner, (2) indwell, (3) guide, instruct, (4) and empower the believer for godly living and service. (5)
(1) John 16:7-14; (2) John 3:5-7, Titus 3:5; (3) John 14:17; (4) John 16:13;
(5) Acts 1:8, Romans 8:4.
5. We believe that man was created in the image of God, (1) but fell into sin and is therefore lost and only through regeneration by the Holy Spirit can salvation and spiritual life be obtained. (2)
(1) Genesis 1:27; (2) Romans 5:12-21.
6. We believe that the shed blood of Jesus Christ and His resurrection provide the only ground for justification and salvation for all who believe, (1) and that only such as receive Jesus Christ are born of the Holy Spirit and thus become the children of God. (2)
(1) Hebrews 9:22-28, Romans 3:20-26; (2) John 1:11-13, John 3:5-7.
7. We believe that water baptism by immersion soon after accepting Christ as personal Savior (1) is a testimony of death to sin and resurrection to a new life, (2) and that the Lord's Supper is a memorial service setting forth in sacred and symbolic manner the death of the Lord Jesus Christ. (3).
(1) Acts 2:41; (2) Romans 6:3-5; (3) I Corinthians 11:23-30.
8. We believe that the true Church is composed of all such persons who through saving faith in Jesus Christ have been regenerated by the Holy Spirit (1) and are united together in the body of Christ of which He is the Head. (2)
(1) Acts 2:41-47; (2) Colossians 1:18.
9. We believe that only those who are thus members of the true Church shall be eligible for membership in the local Church.
10. We believe that Jesus Christ is the Lord and Head of the Church, (1) and that every local Church has the right, under Christ, to decide and govern its own affairs. (2)
(1) Ephesians 4:4-6, Ephesians 5:23-24; (2) Acts 6:1-7.
11. We believe in the personal, premillennial and imminent coming of our Lord Jesus Christ (1) and that this "blessed hope" has a vital bearing on the personal life and service of the believer. (2)
(1) John 14:2-3, Acts 1:10-11, Revelation 20:1-6, Titus 2:13; (2) Titus 2:11-15,
I John 3:2-3.
12. We believe in the bodily resurrection of the dead; of the believer to everlasting blessedness and joy with the Lord, of the unbeliever to judgment and everlasting conscious punishment. (1)
(1) Daniel 12:2, I Corinthians 15:1-58, Revelation 20:11-15.