

## **STATEMENT OF BELIEFS OF ROCKY CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH**

### **God**

God is the Creator and Ruler of the universe. Everything has been created by Him and for Him. God eternally exists as three persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and each person is fully God, and there is one God. These three are co-equal. God is the one living and true God. He is infinite and perfect in holiness. God is omniscient, omnipotent, and omnipresent.

*Genesis 1:1,26,27, 3:22; Psalm 90:2; Matthew 23:9, 28:19; 1 Peter 1:2-3; 2 Corinthians 13:14; Luke 3:21-22, 10:21-22; John 1:1-5; Isaiah 46:9-10; Romans 1:7; 1 Timothy 1:1-2, 2:5-6; Revelation 1:6*

### **Jesus Christ**

Jesus Christ is the Son of God. He is co-equal and one with the Father and the Holy Spirit. Jesus was born of a virgin, conceived of the Holy Spirit, and lived a sinless human life. When Jesus lived upon this earth He was fully God and fully man. He offered Himself as a substitution, payment and justification sufficient for the sins of all men by dying on the cross, the perfect sacrifice. He was buried and after three days, He arose from the dead to demonstrate His power over sin and death. After His literal and physical resurrection, the Lord Jesus Christ ascended into Heaven. He is now exalted at the right hand of God where, as our High Priest, He fulfills the ministry as Mediator, Intercessor, and Advocate. Christ will return to judge the living and the dead and to reign as the King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

*Matthew 1:22-23; Isaiah 9:6; John 1:1-5, 14:10-30; Hebrews 4:14-15, 7:25, 9:24; 1 Corinthians 15:3-4; Romans 1:3-4, 3:24, 8:34, 14:9; Acts 1:9-11; 1 Timothy 6:14-15; 2 Timothy 4:1; Titus 2:13; Luke 1:35; 1 Peter 1:3-5, 2:24, 4:5; Ephesians 1:7; 1 John 2:1-2*

### **The Holy Spirit**

The Holy Spirit is co-equal and one with the Father and the Son. He is present in the world to make men aware of their need for Jesus Christ. He also lives in every believer from the moment of salvation. He is the source of the power for regeneration of the believer, understanding of spiritual truth, and living a life that is pleasing to God. The Christian is to seek to live under His control daily.

*2 Corinthians 3:6, 17; John 16:7-13, 14:16-17; Acts 1:8; 1 Corinthians 2:12-14, 3:16; Ephesians 1:13, 5:18; Galatians 5:25; Romans 8:9*

### **The Bible**

The Bible is God's Word, written by human authors under the supernatural guidance of the Holy Spirit. Both the Old and New Testament focus on God and the redeeming work of Jesus Christ. It is fully inspired by God, inerrant, perfect, life giving, and life changing. It is the supreme source of truth for Christian beliefs and living. The Bible is Absolute Truth, the final authority for faith and life.

*2 Timothy 1:13, 3:16-17; 2 Peter 1:20-21, 3:16; Psalm 12:6, 119:105, 160; Proverbs 30:5; Luke 24:25-27; Matthew 5:18; John 14:26, 16:12-13*

### **Man**

Man is created in the image of God. He is the supreme object of God's creation. Since Adam's disobedience of God, all men are guilty of Adam's original sin, unable to come to God on their own, and have a nature of disobedience towards God, which is called "sin." This attitude separates man from God. Only those who have placed their trust in the finished work of Christ are forgiven and adopted as children of God, and they will spend eternity with Him.

*Genesis 1:27; Psalm 8:3-6; Isaiah 53:6; Romans 3:23, 5:12-21; Isaiah 59:1-2*

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### **Salvation**

Salvation is a gift from God to man. Man can never make up for his sin by self-improvement or good works. Only by trusting in Jesus Christ as God's offer of forgiveness can man be saved from sin's penalty.

*Romans 6:23; Ephesians 2:8-9; John 14:6; 1:12; Titus 3:5; Galatians 3:26; Romans 5:1; John 10:29, 2 Timothy 1:12; Hebrews 7:25, 10:10, 14; 1 Peter 1:3-5; John 3:16, 2:25, 5:11-13; Revelation 20:15; 1 Corinthians 15:35-55; Daniel 12:2*

### **Eternity**

Man was created to exist forever. He will either exist eternally separated from God by sin or in union with God through forgiveness and salvation. To be eternally separated from God is to exist eternally in Hell. To be eternally in union with Him is eternal life in Heaven. Because God gives man eternal life through Jesus Christ, the believer is secure in that salvation for eternity. Salvation is maintained by the grace and power of God, not by the self-effort of the Christian. Man serves God out of a heart of gratitude for the gift of salvation. It is the grace and keeping power of God that gives this security.

*John 3:16, 14:17; 1 John 2:25; 5:11-13, Romans 6:23, 8:17-18; Revelation 20:15, John 10:29, 2 Timothy 1:12, Hebrews 7:25; 10:10-14, 1 Peter 1:3-5; 1 Corinthians 2:7-9*

### **Church**

The church is the living spiritual body of Christ. Christ is the head of the church, which is made up of all born again believers. The purpose of the church is to glorify God by making disciples through intentional relationships. The local church is an assembly of believers that comes together for worship, for growth in the image of Christ by the teaching of the Word, for observance of the Ordinances, for service using spiritual gifts, for prayer, and for fellowship.

*Ephesians 1:22-23, 2:19-22, 5:19-21; Acts 1:8, 2:41-42, 13:1-4, 14:27, 15:19-31, 18:8-22, 20:17,28; Hebrews 10:23-25; 1 Corinthians 3:9, 5:4-13, 11:23-26, 12:12-14; 2 Corinthians 11:2; 1 Timothy 3:1-3; Titus 1:5-11; Romans 16:1-4; 1 Peter 5:1-4; Matthew 28:19-20*

### **Ordinances (Baptism and Lord's Supper)**

The Lord Jesus Christ has instructed two ordinances to the local church, baptism and the Lord's Supper. Baptism is the action of the believer; the full immersion is a symbol of the union with Christ in His death, burial, and resurrection. Baptism is the outward symbol of beginning the Christian life. The Lord's Supper is to be observed repeatedly throughout the Christian's life as a sign of continuing fellowship with Christ, as a remembrance of Christ's sacrifice for the believer's sins. The bread is broken to symbolize the breaking of Christ's body, and when the cup is poured out, it symbolizes the pouring out of Christ's blood for the believer.

*Colossians 2:11-12; Romans 6:1-11; Acts 8:12, 10:44-48, 22:16; Galatians 3:27; Matthew 26:26-29; 1 Corinthians 10:17, 11:23-26; John 6:63-57*

I am in full agreement with these Essential and Statement of Beliefs of Rocky Creek Baptist Church.

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