

Statement Of Faith

1. **The Holy Bible** -- We believe in the verbal inspiration of the Holy Bible, both the Old and New Testaments. (2 Timothy 3:16; Hebrews 4:12; 1 Peter 1:23-25; 2 Peter 1:19-21)
2. **God** -- We believe in one God revealed in three Persons: The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. (Matthew 3:16,17; John 17)
3. **Man** -- We believe that man, in his natural state, is a sinner, lost, undone, without hope, and without God. (Romans 3:19-23; Galatians 3:22; Ephesians 2:1,2,12)
4. **Divinity And Humanity Of Christ Jesus** -- We believe that Jesus Christ of Nazareth is God come in the flesh and that He is both divine and human. (Luke 1:26-38; John 14:1-3; Acts 2:36; Acts 3:14,15; Philippians 2:5-12; Ephesians 1:3-15)
5. **Blood Atonement** -- We believe in the saving power of the Blood of Jesus Christ and His imputed righteousness to all who believe on Him with faith. (Acts 4:12; Romans 4:1-9, 5:1-11; Ephesians 1:3-15)
6. **Bodily Resurrection** -- We believe in the bodily resurrection of Jesus Christ. (Luke 24:39-43; John 20:24-29)
7. **Ascension** -- We believe that Jesus Christ ascended to the Father and is presently seated at the right hand of the Father making intercession for us. (John 14:1-6; Romans 8:34)
8. **Second Coming** -- We believe in the visible, bodily return of Jesus Christ to this earth to gather His Church (Bride) and judge the world. (Acts 1:10,11; 1 Thessalonians 4:13- 18; 2 Thessalonians 1:7-10; James 5:8; Revelation 1:7) (Note: It is not necessary that we all believe alike concerning whether He is coming before, during or after the Great Tribulation.)
9. **Salvation** -- We believe that the terms of salvation are repentance toward God for sin, and a personal, heartfelt faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, which results in regeneration of the person. This salvation is entirely by grace of our Lord and not of works. Works are excluded except as fruit of salvation. (Acts 3:19,20; Romans 4:1-5, 5:1; Ephesians 2:8-10)

10. **Local Church** -- We believe that the church of the Lord Jesus Christ is a local expression of a Body of Believers who have been baptized in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; who are under recognized, delegated authorities; and who assemble to worship, carry forth the Great Commission and minister as the Holy Spirit leads. (Matthew 16:18, 28:19-20; Acts 2:40-47, 20-28; Ephesians 5:22-32; I Timothy 3:15)

11. **Ordinances** -- We believe that the two ordinances of the church are water baptism and communion (The Lord's Supper). (Matthew 3:15,16, 28:19-20; Acts 8:38; Romans 6:1-4; Luke 22:13-20)

12. **Separated Life** -- We believe that believers should seek, as the early disciples did, to practice the separated life from the world and unto Jesus Christ and to set standards of conduct which shall exalt our Lord and His church. (Romans 12:1-3; 2 Corinthians 6:17; Galatians 6:14; Ephesians 5:11; Colossians 3:17)

13. **Heaven And Hell** -- We believe the Holy Scriptures clearly set forth the doctrines of eternal punishment for the lost and eternal bliss and salvation for the saved -- Hell for the unsaved and Heaven for the saved. (Matthew 25:34,41,46; Luke 16:19-31; John 14:1-3; Revelation 20:11-15)

14. **Holy Spirit** -- We believe the Holy Spirit is the third Person of the Trinity whose purpose in the redemption is to convict him of sin, regenerate the repentant believer, guide the believer into understanding the Holy Scriptures, indwell and give gifts to believers as He wills, that they may minister as Christ would to men. We believe that the manifestations of the Holy Spirit recorded in I Corinthians 12:8-11 shall operate in the churches today which yield to the Lord Jesus Christ.

We believe a believer can be baptized in the Holy Spirit during the time Jesus is regenerating him, or any time after his regeneration (new birth) experience. We believe that the Baptism in the Holy Spirit, with the evidence of speaking with other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance, is for all believers as promised by John the Baptist, was witnessed by the early disciples of Christ, and is evidenced in the lives of many present-day believers in the Lord Jesus Christ. (Luke 11:13; John 7:37-39, 14:16,17; Acts 2:39-47; Matthew 3:11; Acts 1:4,5,8; Acts 10:44-47, 19:1-6)

15. **Divine Healing** -- We believe that God does use doctors, medicines and other material means for healing. However, we believe that divine healing has been provided for us in the Atonement of our Lord Jesus Christ. Divine healing may be received through the laying on of hands by Elders, laying on of hands by believers, by the prayer of an anointed person gifted for healing the sick, by the anointing with oil and the prayer of faith, or by a direct act of faith where the believer receives healing from the Lord Jesus Christ without ministry from anyone else. (Isaiah 53:5; James 5:14-16; Mark 16:18; I Corinthians 12:9; Mark 11:23)

16. **Priesthood Of Believers** -- We believe that each believer is a priest of the Lord Jesus Christ and has direct access to the Father through the Lord Jesus. Each person must believe for himself, be baptized for himself, obey for himself, and answer to his Creator for himself. (Revelation 1:6; 1 Peter 2:9)

17. **The Millennial Reign of Christ** - The second coming of Christ includes the rapture of all Christians followed by the visible return of Christ with His saints to reign on the earth for 1000 years. (Zechariah 14:5; Matthew 24:27)

18. **The New Heavens and the New Earth** - "According to God's promise, we look for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness will dwell and reign forever" 2 Peter 3:13; Rev. 21,22

19. **Government Of The Church** -- We believe that the New Testament Church should be apostolic in nature and governed by delegated authorities. Those authorities at *Rock City Church International* are the Pastors and Elders. When it is deemed best for the life of the church and testimony of the Lord, the Pastors and Elders may discipline, in the spirit of love, any member who departs from the Statement of Faith of this Body of Believers.

20. **Tithes And Offerings** -- We believe that God's plan of finance for His work is by tithes and offerings and that it is a joy for His children to acknowledge His Lordship in this manner. (Malachi 3:6-12; Genesis 14: 17-20; Hebrews 7:1-10; Matthew 23:23; 2 Corinthians 8 and 9; Acts 20:35)