

Statement of Faith: The Rock Church

What We Believe...

...about God

We believe that there is only one true God, who has revealed Himself in three persons: the Father, the Son, (Jesus Christ), and the Holy Spirit. We believe that God is the creator, sustainer, and controller of all things, and that we can know Him personally, through Jesus Christ, His Son.

...about Jesus Christ

We hold that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, born of a virgin, sinless, and perfect. We believe that He not only taught the truth, and demonstrated the power of God in miracles, but also died on a cross and rose from the dead, as a payment for man's sins. We believe he then ascended into heaven, and sent the Holy Spirit to comfort, empower, and guide the Church. We believe He continues to intercede for mankind today.

...about the Holy Spirit

We believe that, by the grace of God, the Holy Spirit — the third Person of the Godhead — dwells in every born-again believer. He provides the Christ follower with a growing understanding of biblical truth, daily guidance, and the power to become Christ-like. The Baptism of the Holy Spirit and all the Gifts of The Spirit are for the Church today, equipping and empowering believers to effectively strengthen the Church and to reach and minister to a lost world.

...about the Bible

We believe that the Bible is God's word, written and collected under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. We believe the Bible is the authoritative and trustworthy rule of faith and practice for all Christians. We hold that these Scriptures, along with the power of the Spirit, are God's main means of guiding and strengthening the believer.

...about Mankind

We believe that mankind was created by God in His image, to be like Him in character and with Him in relationship. A relationship barrier was erected when man chose to sin by rebelling against God's ways. This rebellion caused mankind's spiritual death and resulted in the complete separation and alienation from God. We believe that man in his fallen state is a sinner, lost, undone, without hope, and in need of a savior.

...about Salvation

We understand that any person can receive salvation when they become a new person in Jesus Christ, through the forgiveness of sins, the removal of guilt, and the inward change of their heart, by believing in Jesus Christ.

We believe salvation is God's free gift to us, entirely by grace, through faith in Jesus Christ, not by works or human effort. Only by trusting in Jesus Christ as God's offer of forgiveness can anyone be saved from sin's penalty. When we turn from our self-ruled life and turn to Jesus in faith we are saved.

...about Eternity

We believe people were created to exist forever. We will either exist eternally separated from God by sin, or eternally in union with God through forgiveness and salvation. To be eternally separated from God is Hell. To be eternally in union with Him is eternal life. Heaven and Hell are real places of eternal existence.

...about Leadership

We believe that God the Father has given Jesus Christ to be the head of the church.

We believe that on His ascension Christ gave gifts to the body, some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, some to be pastors and some to be teachers. These gifts are for the perfecting (maturing) of the saints for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, and that these gifts should grow out of and be firmly established and recognized in a local church.

We believe that the local church is to be autonomous, yet interdependent and in fellowship with other churches.

We believe God calls elders and deacons to the ministry of leadership in the local church.

We believe it is the responsibility of all church leadership to care for the church congregation, and to receive and consider their input into the operation and well-being of the church.

...about Congregation

We believe that all people who make up the church congregation should participate and support the life and direction of the church through praying for the leadership, providing input, and supporting the church with their time and finances.

We believe that God has given authority to both His church and the family to teach, guide and discipline in accordance with Scripture, in order to encourage righteousness and discourage unrighteousness.

We believe that on occasions when discipline is required, it should be rooted in and governed by Christ's love, focused on reconciliation and restoration, and administered according to scriptural standards (Matthew 18:15-17; 1 Corinthians 5:1-13; Romans 16:17-18; Titus 3:10-11)

...about Finances and Property

We believe the church should be financed by the generosity of its members, adherents and other supporters of the organization and its ministries, as taught through scripture.

We believe it is appropriate for The Rock Church to own, hold in trust, use, sell, convey, mortgage, lease, or otherwise dispose of such property, real or chattel, as may be needed for working towards the fulfillment of the purposes of organization and its ministries. All real property of the corporation shall be deeded to the corporation and held in its name.

...about Relationships

We believe, as part of the universal Christian church, we should engage in mutual support and cooperation between Christian individuals, congregations, and denominations.

We recognize marriage as a covenantal agreement entered into and maintained by a person born a woman and a person born a man, registered with and licensed by appropriate government office, and solemnized by an appropriate agent of that government office.

We do hereby affirm our unswerving loyalty to the Governments of Canada and Saskatchewan, and City of Saskatoon, and affirm our fixed purpose to assist, support and pray for them in all ways that are consistent with our faith.