

Abridged Statement of Faith

God

There is one God who eternally exists as three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We believe that all things were created by Him and for Him. (Deuteronomy 6:4; Isaiah 45:21-22; Matthew 28:19; Colossians 1:16)

The Son

God the Son became fully human while remaining fully God in the person of Jesus Christ. He was supernaturally conceived of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, lived a sinless life (for He was without sin), died the death that all mankind deserves for their own sin, was raised from the dead the third day, ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God until His return to earth (Second Coming) where His enemies are made His footstool. (John 1:1, 14; Matthew 1:18-25; 2 Corinthians 5:21; 1 Peter 3:18; 1 Corinthians 15:3-4; Hebrews 10:12-13)

The Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit was sent by the Father and the Son to convict the world of sin, righteousness, and judgment. We believe the Holy Spirit regenerates, dwells in and seals everyone who believes in the Lord Jesus Christ, and that He empowers us to live as witnesses for Christ. We believe that all of the gifts of the Holy Spirit are available to His church today. (John 14:16-17; John 16:7-11; Titus 3:5-6; Romans 8:9; 1 Corinthians 6:19-20; Ephesians 1:13-14; Acts 1:8; Romans 12:6-8; 1 Corinthians 12-14; 1 Peter 4:10-11)

The Bible

The Bible is without error in its original writings, each author was inspired by God to write every word, and it is the authoritative Word of God. It therefore is the final authority of all matters of life and godliness for individuals and Abide Calvary. The Bible is the foundation upon which this church operates and is the basis for which this church is governed. (2 Timothy 3:16-17; 2 Peter 1:3, 21; John 10:35)

Humanity

God created human beings, male and female, in His own Image. He created them equal in value, dignity, and worth. According to His purpose and design, men and women are created to fulfill

distinct but different roles in the contexts of marriage, family, and the local church. (Genesis 1:26-28; Ephesians 5:22-6:4; 1 Timothy 3:1-7)

Sin

Adam and Eve were created perfect but chose to rebel (The Fall) against God. As a result of The Fall, all people are sinners by nature and choice. Therefore, all people are in need of the Savior Jesus Christ. That salvation is by grace alone through faith alone in Him. We believe that all who call on the name of the Lord shall be saved eternally and there is no other way to God. (Romans 3:10; Romans 3:23; Romans 5:18-19; Matthew 1:21; 1 John 4:14; John 14:6; Acts 4:12; Ephesians 2:8-9; Romans 10:9)

Church

There is one Church, the body of Christ, consisting of men and women from every tribe, tongue, people, and nation. We believe that each local congregation is an expression of the larger church. (Ephesians 4:4; 1 Corinthians 12:12-13; Revelation 5:9; Acts 2:42-47)

End Times

After the 7-year Tribulation, and prior to the 1,000-year reign, Jesus Christ will return to the earth (Second Coming) to make His enemies His footstool. We believe in a literal 1,000-year reign of Christ on earth after the Tribulation. After the 1,000-year reign we believe that God's Kingdom will be established forever on the new earth, the new heaven, and in the new Jerusalem. (Revelation 20:1-6; Luke 1:31-33; Isaiah 9:6-7; 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17; 1 Corinthians 15:51-55; Hebrews 10:13; Revelation 3:10)

The Resurrection

All humanity will be resurrected - some will be raised to life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt (a literal Hell). God will make a perfect new heaven, new earth and new Jerusalem in which righteousness will dwell. We believe that the throne of God and the Lamb (Jesus Christ) will be established in the New Jerusalem forever. (Daniel 12:2; John 5:25-29; Revelation 21:1-22:5)

For a copy of the complete unabridged Statement of Faith, please contact the Elders of Abide Calvary.



Core Values

1. The Word of God is the compass that directs everything we do

God has given us everything required for life and godliness and speaks to us through the Bible.

2. We are spiritual gardeners

Followers of Christ are instrumental in the spiritual growth of each other as we become more like Jesus.

3. We are spiritual contributors, not spiritual consumers

The church does not exist for us, we exist for the world.

4. We intentionally step out of our comfort zone to love our neighbor.

Jesus is the best love we can share with anyone and we want our community to experience it.

5. We go out of our way to make people feel at home

We cultivate a place for people to be healthy and grow where everyone is a greeter, and no one goes unnoticed.

6. We place great worth on genuine community

We desire deep relationships within our church body that extend into our homes, our lives, and throughout the week.

7. We raise up leaders and help them find their calling

Whether missionaries, pastors, church planters, students, workers, or parents we want to help equip and unite them with God's call on their life.