

Riverside

Baptist Church Statement of Faith

We believe:

The Bible - is the very Word of God and is to be the final authority on all matters of faith, practice. Every word is true. God's Word is preserved without error in the King James Bible which will be used in services, classes, and studies. Psalm 12:6-7; Psalm 119:105; Matthew 5:18; 2 Timothy 3:16-17; Hebrews 4:12; 2 Peter 1:19-21

God - is a Person, eternally existing, as a Trinity in unity - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit - three Persons and yet one God. Deuteronomy 6:4, Matthew 28:19, I Corinthians 8:6

Jesus Christ - eternally existing, is the only begotten Son of God, who became a sinless man to redeem us. He was born of a virgin and is true God and true man. Luke 1:30-55, John 1:1-15, Philipians 2:5-8

The local church - is a group of believers baptized by water, banded together for edification, exhortation, and evangelism as commanded by Christ in the Great Commission; preaching the Gospel to every creature. Mark 16:15, I Corinthians 12:12, Ephesians 1:22-23

Mankind - was created in the image of God but fell through sin, bringing not only physical death, but also spiritual death or eternal separation from God. Now all of mankind exists as a fallen race with an inherited sinful nature. Genesis 2:16, Genesis 3:16-19, Romans 3:10-23, Romans 6:23

Salvation - of the soul is through the Lord Jesus Christ alone. He suffered and died as a substitutionary payment for the sins of the whole world. He physically arose from the dead and then ascended into Heaven. Simple faith in this sacrifice is the only way of salvation for mankind. Luke 24, Acts 1:9-11, Romans 5:8-10, I Peter 3:18

End Times - Jesus Christ Himself will soon come again in the air to catch up His Church. The unbelievers left behind will go through a period called the Tribulation, after which Christ will return to the Earth to set up His Kingdom of one thousand years of righteous rule. After this, the unbelievers of all ages will stand at the Great White Throne to be judged and cast into the Lake of Fire, separated from God forever, while the believers spend eternity in the fullness of joy in Heaven with the Lord. Matthew 24:29-42, I Thessalonians 4:16-18, Revelation 19:11-20:13