



# Statement of Faith

1. We believe the Bible to be the inspired, the only infallible, authoritative Word of God.
2. We believe that there is one God, eternally existent in three persons; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
3. We believe in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious and atoning death through His shed blood, His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and in His personal return in power and glory.
4. We believe that for the salvation of lost and sinful man, regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential, and that this salvation is received through faith in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord and not as a result of good works.
6. We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost; they that are saved unto the resurrection of life, and they that are lost unto the resurrection of damnation.
7. We believe in the spiritual unity of believers in our Lord Jesus Christ.
8. We believe in and support the Word of God, which outlines marriage as the permanent, exclusive, comprehensive, and conjugal "one flesh" union of *one man* and *one woman*. Strong, committed marriages produce strong families, which create a healthy, free, and stable society.
9. We believe that God created mankind in His image: male (man) and female (woman), being sexually different. Therefore, we each acknowledge and affirm our own biological sex. Any and all attempts to physically change, alter, or disagree with a person's biological sex (including but not limited to elective sex-reassignment, transvestite, transgender, or non-binary "genderqueer" acts or conduct) are in violation of God's design.
10. Because we believe that God created and ordered human sexuality to be the permanent, exclusive, comprehensive, and conjugal "one flesh" union of man and woman in the context of marriage, we therefore believe that all sexual immorality, including sex outside the covenant of marriage, same-sex sexual attractions, acts, or behaviors are intrinsically disordered and immoral.
11. We affirm the unique and sacred personhood of every human, including the unborn, on the evidence of Scripture found in Jeremiah 1:5 and Psalm 139:15–16, among others. Upon such biblical grounds, we hold any abortion or intentional destruction of a human embryo to be immoral except in the rarest instances, when it is impossible to save the life of both the mother and the unborn child.
12. We believe that in order to preserve the function and integrity of Branches as the local Body of Christ, and to provide a biblical role model to the members and the community, it is imperative that all persons employed by Branches in any capacity, or who serve as volunteers, agree to and abide by this Statement of Faith and conform with biblical rules regarding Marriage, Gender, and Sexuality. (Matt 5:16; Phil 2:14-16; 1 Thess5:22.)
13. We affirm that God is calling the whole church to take the whole gospel to the whole world; so we determine to proclaim it faithfully, urgently and sacrificially- without coercion or manipulation, until He comes.
14. This statement of faith does not exhaust the extent of our beliefs. The Bible itself, as the inspired and infallible Word of God that speaks with final authority concerning truth, morality, and the proper conduct of mankind, is the sole and final source of all that we believe. For issues that arise concerning faith, doctrine, practice, policy, and discipline, our board of directors is this organization's final interpretive authority on the Bible's meaning and application.

By signing below I certify that I have read and that I am in full agreement with this BPRC Statement of Faith.

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*Volunteer Signature*

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*Staff Signature*

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