

Winchester Community Church

truth, relationship, hope

STATEMENT OF FAITH

1. We believe in the verbal inspiration, inerrancy, and authority of the Scripture (II Timothy 3:16; II Peter 1:20,21).
2. We believe that man was created in the image and likeness of God but voluntarily fell from his sinless state. As a result, all men are sinners and hopelessly sinful in themselves, apart from the grace of God (Genesis 1:27, 9:6; Romans 5:12, 3:23; Ephesians 2:1).
3. We believe that the Godhead exists eternally in three Persons: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit, and these three are one God (Genesis 1:26; John 10:30, 4:24; Deuteronomy 6:4).
4. We believe that the eternal Son of God became incarnate in the Lord Jesus Christ, conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, and is both true God, and true man, apart from sin (John 1:1,14,18; Matthew 1:21-23; 1 John 5:20).
5. We believe that Salvation is received by grace alone through faith in the substitutionary death of the Lord Jesus Christ: that for our sins He died and was resurrected for our justification (1 Peter 3:18; 1 Corinthians 15:1-14; Acts 4:12; Ephesians 2:8,9; Romans 1:16).
6. We believe that every true believer, born of the Spirit, can have full assurance of salvation and is eternally secure in Christ (John 3:5,6; 1 John 5:12,13; John 10:28,29).
7. We believe that every believer is called to a holy life of service and should belong to a Bible-believing local church for fellowship and for the furtherance of the Gospel to every creature at home and around the world (1 Peter 1:15,16; Matthew 28:19,20; Hebrews 10:25; Acts 1:8; Mark 16:15).
8. We believe that marriage is between one man and one woman according to the Scriptures (Genesis 1:26-27; Genesis 2:18-25; Matthew 19:4-6; Ephesians 5:21-33; 1 Corinthians 7:2).
9. We believe in the imminent return of the Lord, which is the blessed hope of the Church, to be followed by the tribulation and second coming of Christ, to rule and reign for one thousand years (Titus 2:13; 1 Thessalonians 1:10, 4:13-18, 5:1-10; Matthew 24:21,29,30, 25:31).
10. We believe in the everlasting conscious blessedness of the saved and the everlasting conscious punishment of the lost (Revelation 20:1-6; Matthew 25:46).

This statement of faith does not exhaust the extent of our beliefs. The Bible as the inspired and infallible Word of God speaks with final authority concerning truth, morality, and the proper conduct of mankind. It is the sole and final source of all that we believe. In matters of faith, doctrine, practice, policy, and disciplines, our Elder Board serves as the interpreters of the Bible's meaning. The elders are accountable to the church members and all church members, including the elders, are accountable to God.