

Statement of Basic Beliefs

This statement represents the core beliefs of the Church from a biblical and historical perspective. While Church members are not required to fully understand or articulate all aspects of these Basic Beliefs, the explicit rejection of any part of them disqualifies one from membership of Christ Church Riverside. Revisions to the Statement of Basic Beliefs in order to more clearly align to Scripture shall be at the sole discretion of the Elders, with the understanding that any changes will be communicated to the members of the Church.

We believe...

- 1 The Scriptures are true, authoritative and sufficient ([Psalm 19:7-11](#); [2 Timothy 3:16](#); [2 Peter 1:20-21](#)).
- 2 There is only one God ([Deuteronomy 6:4](#); [Isaiah 46:9-10](#); [John 17:3](#), [1 Corinthians 8:4-6](#); [1 Timothy 2:5](#)).
- 3 The Father is God. The Son is God. The Holy Spirit is God. The Father is neither the Son nor the Holy Spirit. The Son is neither the Father nor the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is neither the Father nor the Son ([Genesis 1:26](#); [Psalm 45:6-7](#); [Psalm 110:1](#); [Matthew 3:13-17](#); [Matthew 28:17-20](#); [1 Corinthians 12:4-6](#)).
- 4 I am, along with all humanity (Christ excluded), by birth and action a sinner ([Genesis 6:5](#); [Psalm 51:5](#); [Jeremiah 17:9](#); [Romans 3:23](#), [5:8](#), [12-21](#), [7:18](#); [Ephesians 2:1-3](#)).
- 5 The deserved penalty for sin is death, both physical and spiritual ([Genesis 2:15-17](#); [Genesis 3:19](#), [Romans 5:12](#); [6:23](#), [James 1:14-15](#)).
- 6 Jesus Christ is the eternal Son of God, was born of a virgin and is both fully God and fully human ([Matthew 1:20](#); [Luke 2:52](#); [John 1:1-4](#), [14](#); [Colossians 1:15-20](#); [Hebrews 1:1-3](#)).
- 7 Jesus Christ died as my substitute to pay the penalty for my sin ([John 1:29](#); [10:1-18](#), [Romans 5:8](#), [1 Corinthians 15:1-4](#); [2 Corinthians 5:21](#); [Galatians 1:4](#); [1 Peter 3:18](#)).
- 8 Jesus Christ physically rose from the dead ([Matthew 28:1-20](#); [Mark 16:1-8](#); [Luke 24:1-53](#); [John 1:20-21:25](#); [1 Corinthians 15:12-34](#)).
- 9 Jesus Christ physically ascended into heaven and will one day physically return ([John 14:3](#); [Acts 1:11](#); [1 Thessalonians 4:16](#); [Hebrews 9:28](#); [1 John 3:2](#); [Revelation 1:7](#)).

- 10 There will be a future physical resurrection of the dead. Those who trust in Jesus Christ alone will be raised to eternal reward. Those who have not trusted in Jesus Christ will be raised to eternal punishment ([Matthew 25:31-46](#); [John 5:28-29](#); [Acts 24-15](#)).
- 11 Only by trusting in the person and work of Jesus Christ alone can I be reconciled to God and experience true life and joy ([John 3:18](#), [14:6](#); [Acts 4:12](#); [Romans 3:21-26](#); [1 Timothy 2: 5-6](#)).
- 12 The Holy Spirit has been sent from heaven to glorify Christ and to apply his work of salvation. He convicts sinners, imparts spiritual life and gives a true understanding of the Scriptures. He indwells all believers, brings assurance of salvation and produces increasing likeness to Christ. He builds up the Church and empowers its members for worship, service and mission.