

Statement of Faith

Calvary Old Town has been formed as a fellowship of believers in the Lordship of Jesus Christ. Our utmost desire is to know Christ and to be conformed into His image by the power of the Holy Spirit. Our goal is to reach people with the Gospel message in order to bring them to a saving faith in Jesus Christ.

We believe that the Bible is inspired by God in its entirety, and is without error in the original autographs, a complete and final written revelation from God.

We believe that there is only one God, who is eternal and immutable, and manifests Himself in three distinct Persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

We believe that Jesus of Nazareth is the promised Messiah, born of a virgin, totally without sin, God in human flesh, the One who died on the cross for our sins, was buried, rose again from the dead on the third day, and ascended to the right hand of the Father in heaven, where He now intercedes for us who believe in Him.

We believe that Jesus Christ is going to return in the clouds for His church before the tribulation that is coming on the whole earth, and that He will return with His saints and all His holy angels to the earth at the end of the tribulation, and set up His kingdom on earth, ruling and reigning forever and ever.

We believe that all humanity is lost and born with a sinful nature, and can only be saved by a personal faith in the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, and not by any human merit or performance.

We believe Jesus instituted only two ordinances: water baptism and the Lord's Supper, to be observed until He comes. We believe that water baptism is not necessary for salvation but that it is an outward symbol of salvation and a sign of our obedience to Him.

We believe that heaven is a real place where the saved will dwell forever, and that hell is a literal place of torment where unbelievers will suffer forever.

We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling the Christian is empowered to live a Godly Life. We further believe His power and gifts are available to believers today and operational in the church.

We believe worship of God should be inspirational. Therefore, we give a great place to music in our service.

We believe worship of God should be intelligent. Therefore, our services are designed with great emphasis upon teaching the Word of God that He might instruct us how He should be worshiped.

We believe worship of God should be fruitful. Therefore, we look to His love in our lives as the supreme manifestation that we have truly been worshipping him.

We believe marriage has been ordained by God. Therefore, we recognize marriage as exclusively the legal union of one man and one woman in which such union is a lifetime commitment. Also, the Bible is clear that legitimate sexual relations are exercised solely within marriage.

We believe that marriage is exclusively the legal union of one genetic male and one genetic female and that this union is evidenced by a marriage ceremony. We also believe that legitimate biblical sexual relations are exercised solely within marriage. Hence, sexual activities such as, but not limited to, adultery, fornication, pre-marital sex, incest, polygamy, homosexuality, transgenderism, bisexuality, cross-dressing, pedophilia, and bestiality are inconsistent with the teachings of the Bible and the Church. Further, lascivious behavior, the creation, viewing and/or distribution of pornography and efforts to alter one's physical gender or gender related appearance are incompatible with a true biblical witness.

We believe in the creation and God as the Creator. We believe that God created man and that He created them male and female. As such He created them different so as to complement and complete each other. God instituted monogamous marriage between male and female as the foundation of the family and the basic structure of human society. For this reason homosexuality, and all other "sexual preferences" or "orientations" are unnatural, sinful, and unacceptable to God.



Believe the Gospel Bible Study One

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You may have heard the word “Gospel” before and never have known what it really meant. Perhaps you thought it referred merely to the first four books of the New Testament—Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. Maybe you thought it meant “positively true” because you heard it used in a saying like this: “It’s the gospel truth.”

Actually, the word “Gospel” means “Good News.” It is the good news about God’s love for us and the wonderful things He has done for us. Take out your Bible or New Testament, and we will see some of the great things it says about the Gospel.

Before we get into this study, I want to teach you something about your Bible. In the front of it, you will see a Table of Contents, listing all the various books. Use this to find your way around the Bible until you become familiar with the location of each book. Also, you will notice notation is used something like this: Romans 1:16, which means the book of Romans, Chapter One, Verse 16. Become familiar with what these notations mean. Finally, pray for understanding whenever you read God’s Word!

O.K. Let’s start in and see what is said about the Gospel. Look up the Bible reference given, then write out the answer in your own words

1. What does Romans 1:16 say the Gospel is to everyone who believes?

That's important, isn't it? Let's look at the Gospel in four steps.

Step One - God's Love

2. What is the one word in John 3:16 that describes why God sent His Son for you and me?

3. Look at John 10:10. Why did Jesus come?

Step Two - The Problem

Sin is doing things our way instead of God's way. The Bible says that our sins have separated us from God.

1. How many of us have sinned? (Romans 3:23)

2. What is the result of this sin? (Romans 6:23)

Step Three - the Solution

God sent His Son, Jesus, to die for our sins, and to conquer death by raising Him from the dead. This way we can come to God and receive all the good things He has for us.

3. What did Christ go through to bring us to God? (1 Peter 3:18)

4. True or False: God loved us and did this for us because we were so good that we deserved it. (Romans 5:8)

8. Is being saved from sins something that I work for, or something God freely gives me. (Ephesians 2:8-9)

9. Is there any other way to the Father except through Jesus? (John 14:6)

Step Four - How it Works

Now that we know what God has done, we need to receive the results into our lives

10. How does one become a child of God? (John 1:12)

11. What must we do to have Christ come into our hearts? (Revelation 3:20)

What step are you on? Do you know that God loves you? Will you admit that you have sinned? Have you received Him as the one who saves you? If you haven't received Him, you might want to do it in a prayer like this:

"Heavenly Father, I confess that I am a sinner, and I thank You that You love me anyway. I believe that Jesus died and rose for me. I accept Him into my life. I turn from my way of doing things to Your way and give the control of my life to You. Thank You for this Good News."

Did you receive Jesus? If so, then God has forgiven you, made you His child and come into you. He said that He would, and He never breaks His promises.

11. Read the Gospel of John 5:24 and then 1st John 5:11-12. Because you have received Jesus, God says that you may now have something. What is it?
