



BEACON CHURCH

STATEMENT OF CORE BELIEF

The ten statements below summarize the core beliefs of the membership of Beacon Church. While not an exhaustive statement of doctrine and practice, these statements represent what we believe to be the core elements of biblical teaching.

1. **We believe** the 66 books of the Old and New Testaments are verbally inspired by God in the original writings, and that they are of supreme and final authority in faith and life.
2. **We believe** in one God, the Creator, who eternally exists in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
3. **We believe** that Jesus Christ was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, and is both fully God and fully man; and that He lived a perfect, righteous life in complete and willful obedience to the Father.
4. **We believe** that humanity was created in the image of God as male and female; and that humanity properly reflects God's created order for human embodiment in the biological realities of male and female.
5. **We believe** that God has ordained marriage as the union of one man and one woman; and that marriage exists to reflect the glory of God as it images the relationship between Christ and His church.
6. **We believe** that though perfect in creation, the first man, Adam sinned, incurring not only physical death, but also spiritual death; and that all human beings are born with a sinful nature, and therefore are sinners in thought, word, and deed, and thereby guilty before God and in need of salvation.
7. **We believe** that the Lord Jesus Christ died for our sins, according to the Scriptures, as a representative and a substitutionary sacrifice; and that all who believe in Him are justified on the grounds of His shed blood and His righteousness.
8. **We believe** in the physical resurrection of the crucified body of our Lord, in His ascension into heaven, His present life there for us, and His bodily return to make all things new.
9. **We believe** that all who receive by faith the Lord Jesus Christ, who confess Him as Lord and believe that God raised him from death, are born again of the Holy Spirit and thereby become children of God; called into obedience to the commands and commission of Christ.
10. **We believe** in the bodily resurrection of the just and unjust, the eternal blessedness of the saved, and the eternal punishment of the unsaved.