



Stone Ridge Christian Statement of Faith

God the Father: God is the creator and ruler of the universe. He eternally exists in three persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. These three are co-equal, co-eternal, and are one God.

God the Son: Jesus Christ is the Son of God. He is co-equal with the Father and possesses all the attributes of deity. Born of a virgin, he lived a sinless human life and offered Himself as the perfect sacrifice for the sins of all people by dying on the cross. He arose from the dead after three days to demonstrate His power over sin and death. He ascended to the right hand of the Father and will return someday to reign as King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

God the Holy Spirit: The Holy Spirit is co-equal with the Father and is a divine person possessing all the attributes of God. He convicts the world of sin, righteousness, and judgment. The Holy Spirit lives in the life of every believer. He develops a Christ-like character in believers, empowers them for ministry, and brings comfort in times of hurt.

The Bible: The Bible is God's infallible and authoritative Word to us. It is written by human authors under the supernatural guidance of the Holy Spirit. It is the supreme source of truth for Christian beliefs and living because it is inspired by God, and it is the truth without any error.

Man: Man was made in the spiritual image of God, to be like Him in character. Man was the supreme object of God's creation. Although every person has tremendous potential for good, all of us are marred by an attitude of disobedience towards God called "sin". Sin separates people from God and keeps us from a right relationship with God.

Salvation: Salvation is God's gift to us, but we must accept it. We can never make up for our sin by self-improvement or good works. Only by trusting in Jesus Christ as God's offer of forgiveness can anyone be saved from sin's penalty. When we turn from our sinful life and turn to Jesus Christ, in faith, we are saved.

Eternal Destiny: The creation of man was to exist forever. We either exist eternally, separated from God by sin, or eternally with God, through forgiveness and salvation. To be eternally separated from God is Hell. To be eternally in union with Him is eternal life. Heaven and Hell are real places of eternal existence.

Marriage: Marriage is ordained by God in the Bible. The religious covenant of marriage is between one man and one woman as created by God and provides the foundation and definition for the family.