
Statement of Faith

The purpose of the RBCS ministry is to glorify our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ by serving as His instrument in declaring and spreading His truth. Principles included in God's truth are:

- a. The Holy Scriptures, consisting of the sixty-six books of the Old and New Testaments, are the verbally inspired Word of God, inerrant in the original writings concerning historical and scientific facts, and infallible in moral and spiritual teachings. (2 Tim 3:14-17; 2 Pet 1:20-21) Further, we affirm that with regard to Scripture:
 - The final guide to the interpretation of Scripture is Scripture itself.
 - The account of origins in six literal days presented in Genesis is a simple but factual presentation of actual events and therefore provides a reliable framework for scientific research into the question of the origin and history of life, mankind, the earth, and the universe.
 - The great Flood of Genesis was an actual historic event, worldwide (global) in its extent and effect.
 - The special creation of Adam (the first man) and Eve (the first woman), and their subsequent fall into sin, is the basis for the necessity of salvation for mankind.
 - Death (both physical and spiritual) and bloodshed entered into this world subsequent to and as a direct consequence of man's sin. (2 Tim 3:14-17; 2 Pet 1:20-21; Gen 1:1; 2:1-2; Psa 102:25; Psa 89:11; Isa 42:5; Isa 45:18; John 1:1-3; Acts 17:14; Gen 6:13; Gen 7:19-20; 2 Pet 3:5-7; Rom 5:12-19, 6:23)
- b. There is but one Triune God, eternally subsisting in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. (Deut 6:4; John 1:1, 14; Acts 5:3-4)
- c. The Lord Jesus Christ, the eternal Son of God, became man without ceasing to be God. He was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary, which He might reveal God and redeem sinful men. Believers are redeemed by the blood of Christ, who died on the cross as a representative, vicarious, substitutionary sacrifice. Justification is made sure by His resurrection from the dead. He ascended into heaven and now fulfills the ministry of representative, intercessor, and advocate. (John 1:1-18; Eph 1:3-7; Heb 7:24-27; 1 Pet 1:3-5; 1 John 2:1)
- d. The Holy Spirit convicts the world of sin, righteousness, and judgment. He is the supernatural agent in regeneration and sanctification. He baptizes all believers into the body of Christ, indwells them equally and permanently, and seals them unto the day of redemption. He is the Divine Teacher who guides believers into all truth. (John 16:8-15; 1 Cor 12; 13; Eph 1:13-14)
- e. Man was created in the image of God, but in Adam's sin, the entire race fell, inherited a sinful nature, became alienated from God, and is utterly unable to remedy his lost condition. In addition, God created human persons as either male or female. These two distinct, complementary sexes together reflect the image and nature of God. God also created marriage to be exclusively the union of one man and woman, the two becoming one flesh. Intimate sexual

activity is to occur exclusively within that union. Unfaithfulness in that union is adultery. (Gen 1:26-27, 2:24-25; Ex 20:14; Matt 19:3-9; Rom 3:10-12, 23; 5:12; Mark 10:8; Eph 2:1-3, 5:21-33)

- f. All human life is sacred and created by God in His image. Human life is of inestimable worth in all its dimensions, including pre-born babies, the aged, the physically or mentally infirm, and every other stage or condition from conception through natural death. We are therefore called to defend, protect, and value all human life (Ps 139.)
- g. Salvation is the gift of God brought to sinful man by grace and received solely by personal faith in the Lord Jesus Christ who accomplished complete redemption by His precious blood. No repentance, no feeling, no good resolution, no sincere efforts, no submissions to rules and regulations, no degree of reformation however great, no attainments in morality however high, no culture RBCS Statement of Faith however attractive, no baptism or other ordinance however administered, nor any or all of these together, can add in the very least degree to the merit of the finished work of the Lord Jesus Christ upon the cross. (John 3:5, 18; Eph 1:7; 2:8-10; Phil 3:4-9; Titus 3:3-8; 1 Pet 1:18-23)
- h. Because of the eternal purpose of God, the nature of the Word and promise of God, and the immutability of the covenants of God, all believers, once saved (i.e., elected, called, redeemed, baptized into Christ by the Spirit, justified, regenerated, adopted, sanctified, and already looked upon by God as glorified), are kept by God's power, indwelt and sealed by the Holy Spirit, and interceded for by Jesus Christ, and therefore, are secure in Christ forever. (John 6:37-40, 10:27-30; Rom 8:1, 29-30, 38-39; 1 Cor 1:4-8; 1 Pet 1:5)
- i. Every believer possesses a new nature, with provision made for victory over the flesh through the power of the indwelling Holy Spirit. Every believer possesses at least one spiritual gift for the edification of the body of Christ, and should be a faithful steward of all God has entrusted to him. (Rom 6:13-14; 7:18; 1 Cor 12; 2 Cor 5:17; 2 Cor 9:5-9; Gal 5:16-25; Eph 4:22-24; 1 John 1:10)
- j. The education of children is the responsibility of parents, rather than the state. God commands parents to teach their children to love God and do all things to His glory. The school is an instrument of God designed to help the parents faithfully discharge their responsibility. (Deut 6:5-7; Prov 4; 22:6; Eph 6:1-4; 2 John 6-11)
- k. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge. All wisdom and knowledge is His. True knowledge must be consistent with Scripture. Man must learn to discover God's truth. The school can assist by providing a God-centered curriculum and encouraging academic excellence. (Prov 1:7; 23:23; Rom 1:16-25; 1 Cor 1:18-25; 2 Tim 2:15)

RBCS will conduct no activity inconsistent with the above principles included in God's truth. These principles will be taught as orthodox Christian doctrine. Orthodoxy on "denominational issues" (e.g., the proper mode and subjects of water baptism, the correct form of local church government, the proper manifestation of the gifts of the Spirit today, or the correct eschatological system) will be left to the home and local church. RBCS desires to cultivate a spirit of love which will allow students of different denominational backgrounds to discuss doctrinal differences without "stuffing their views down another's throat," or breaking fellowship with those who disagree.

This statement of faith does not, however, exhaust the extent of our beliefs. The Bible itself, as the inspired and infallible Word of God that speaks with final authority concerning truth, morality, and the proper conduct of mankind, is the sole and final source of all that we believe. For purposes of Rocky Bayou Christian School's faith, doctrine, practice, policy, and discipline, our Board of Directors is the final interpretive authority on the Bible's meaning and application.