

# *Rescue Culture Church's Beliefs*

## **God**

Our God is THE sovereign Creator and Ruler of the universe. There is only one God.

*Genesis 1:1, 26, 27, 3:22, Psalm 90:2, Matthew 28:19, 2 Corinthians 13:14*

## **Jesus Christ**

We believe that Jesus is the only one who can reconcile us to God. He lived a sinless and exemplary life, died on the cross in our place, and rose again.. We believe that Jesus Christ is coming back again as He promised.

*Matthew 1:22, 23, Isaiah 9:6, , John 1:1-5, Hebrews 4:14-15, 1 Corinthians 15:3-4, Romans 1:3-4, Acts 1:9-11, Colossians 2:9-10, 1 Timothy 6:14-15*

## **The Holy Spirit**

The Holy Spirit is coequal with the Father and the Son of God. He is present in the world to make people aware of their need for Jesus Christ. Living inside of Believers, the Holy Spirit provides Christians with power for living, understanding of spiritual truth, and guidance in doing what is right. He gives every believer spiritual gifts, as He sees fit to build the church and glorify the Father.

*Acts 1:8, John 14:16-17, 16:7-13, Galatians 5:25, 1 Corinthians 2:12, 3:16, Ephesians 1:13, Ephesians 3: 20-21, 2 Corinthians 13:14, 1 Peter 1:2, 1 Corinthians 12:4-11, 1 Corinthians 12:28-31*

## **The Bible is God's Word to us**

The Bible was written by human authors, under the supernatural guidance of the Holy Spirit. It is the supreme source of truth for Christian beliefs about living. Because it is inspired by God, it is truth without error.

*2 Timothy 3:16, 2 Peter 1:20-21, Psalm 119:105, 160, 12:6, Proverbs 30:5, Isaiah 55:11*

## **Salvation is God's Gift**

We can never make up for our sin by any amount of self-improvement or good works. It is only when we repent from our sinful, unbelieving life and turn toward Jesus Christ, accepting that He was crucified on the cross, as a sacrifice (payment) for the forgiveness of our sins, that anyone can be saved from sin's penalty.

*Romans 6:23, Ephesians 2:8-9, John 14:6, Romans 5:1, 5:8, 10:9-10*

## **People will exist eternally with or without God**

People were created to exist forever. We will 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 in Heaven. Heaven and hell are real places of eternal existence.

*John 3:16, 14:17, Romans 6:23, Revelation 20:15, Philippians 2:5-11, Matthew 25:31-34, Matthew 25:41*

## **We Must Repent**

Everyone has been separated from God, as a result of original sin, and therefore each of must repent of our sins, turn away from old ways of thinking, doing, being and turn towards God. God is so good, that He forgives each of us, by works, but because of how gracious and mercy He is. He is faithful to forgive and wipes away every sin!

*Mark 1:15, Luke 13:3, Acts 3:19*

## **Water Baptism**

Once we have accepted Jesus as our Lord and Savior, baptism is a step of obedience based on God's commands and allows us to follow the example of Jesus, who submitted himself to baptism to "fulfill all righteousness."

*Matthew 3:16-17, 28:18-20, Acts 2:41, 8:12, Romans 6:4, Colossians 2:12*

## **The Church**

We believe in the power and significance of the church and the necessity of believers to meet regularly together; praying for one another, admonishing one another, and lifting each other up.

*Hebrews 10:24-25, James 15:14, Romans 12:4-5, Acts 2:46, Acts 12:5*

## **Marriage and Human Secuality**

- **Marriage** - A Biblical marriage is the permanent, exclusive, comprehensive, and conjugal "one flesh" union of one man and one woman.

*Genesis 1:27-28, Genesis 2:18-24, Matthew 19:4-9, Mark 10:5-9, Ephesians 5:31-33*

- **Sexual Immorality** - We believe sexual acts outside marriage are prohibited as sinful — including but not limited to adultery, fornication, incest, zoophilia, pornography, prostitution, masturbation, voyeurism, pedophilia, exhibitionism, sodomy, polygamy, polyamory, solo-gamy, or same-sex sexual acts.

*Exodus 20:14, Leviticus 18:7-23, Leviticus 20:10-21, Deuteronomy 5:18, Matthew 15:19, Matthew 5:27-28, Matthew 15:19, Romans 1:26-27, 1 Corinthians 6:9-13, 1 Thessalonians 4:3, Hebrews 13:4, Galatians 5:19, Ephesians 4:17-19, Colossians 3:5*

- **Sexual Identity** - God created mankind in His image: male (man) and female (woman), biologically/sexually different but with equal personal dignity.

*Genesis 1:26-28, Romans 1:26-32, 1 Corinthians 6:9-11*