

Statement Of Faith

The doctrinal position of Cherry Hills Baptist Church is based on the Word of God. All candidates for membership are asked to subscribe to the following statements (adapted from Article IV of the church constitution).

The Bible

We believe that “all Scripture is God-breathed and inspired by God” in the sense that the Holy Spirit so guided the human writers that the words they wrote constitute the Word of God, our only final rule of faith and conduct (*2 Timothy 3:15-17; 2 Peter 1:19-21*).

God

We believe that God eternally exists in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and that these three are one God, having the same nature, attributes, and perfection, and worthy of the same worship, reverence, trust and obedience (*Matthew 28:18-20; John 14:6-17; 2 Corinthians 13:14; Colossians 1:13-19; Hebrews 1:1-3*).

Human Beings

We believe that the first man and woman were originally created in the image of God to worship and serve God in His creation, that they fell from this high calling, and through their sin became spiritually dead. This fallen human nature has been transmitted to each person everywhere--with the exception of Jesus Christ--so that every one of us is alienated from God and in need of saving grace (*Genesis 1:26-28; 3:1-6; Psalm 8; Romans 1:18-32; 3:23; Ephesians 2:1-3*).

Jesus Christ

We believe that Jesus Christ is the eternal Son of God who became a human being in order to reveal God to the world and reconcile the world to God; that in historical fact, He was born of the virgin Mary, lived on earth, was crucified and buried, rose from the dead and ascended into heaven where He now sits at the right hand of God the Father (*John 1:1-14; Acts 2:22-26; 1 Corinthians 15:3-8; Philippians 2:5-11*).

Salvation

We believe that salvation for each person has been provided by the sacrifice of our Lord Jesus Christ, who died on the cross as our substitute, shedding His blood to pay the penalty for our sins (*Romans 5:6-21; 2 Corinthians 5:19-21; Col. 1:12-14,20-22; 1 Peter 1:18-23*).

Faith

We believe that salvation is received by grace through faith and that those who trust Christ as Savior receive forgiveness as a gift, are born again and pass from spiritual death into everlasting life (*John 3:1-18; Romans 5:1-5; Eph. 2:4-10; Titus 3:4-7*).

Assurance Of Salvation

We believe that all who are born again by the work of the Holy Spirit may be assured and gratefully confident of their salvation and that this assurance is based on the promise of God in His written Word, which leads us to love and obey the Lord (*Romans 8:15-17,31-39; 1 Peter 1:8; 1 John 3:7-14; 5:1-13*).

The Church

We believe that the true Church is composed of all who are born again by faith in Christ, that the Holy Spirit baptizes all believers into one body, endowing the Church with gifts for doing its work. We are therefore to rise above personal and sectarian differences and seek to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of love and peace (*Romans 12:4-18; 1 Corinthians 12:1-27; Ephesians 4:1-16; Hebrews 12:14*).

The Holy Spirit

We believe that the Holy Spirit is the third person of the Trinity, the abiding Comforter and Helper sent by God the Father and God the Son to strengthen our faith and conform us to the image and likeness of Christ (*John 14:26; 15:26; 16:7-15; Romans 8:1-14,29-30; 1 Corinthians 6:19-20*).

Everyday Living

We believe that we belong to God and that because we are now His, we are called to holy living in which we obey the teaching of the Bible, put away sinful desires and cultivating the fruit of the Spirit (*John 14:21-24; Galatians 5:16-25; Colossians 3:1-12; James 1:19-25; 1 Peter 1:13-16*).

The Future

We believe in that blessed hope, the personal return of Jesus for His Church. At death those who belong to Christ enter into His presence, and shall be forever with Him in His glory. Unbelievers at death will face the final judgment when they shall be forever separated from the presence of the Lord because of their unbelief. We believe that every human kingdom and every human being will someday bow before Christ and that He shall reign forever (*Matthew 13:47-51; Romans 14:10-12; 1 Corinthians 15:19-58; 2 Corinthians 5:10-20; Philippians 1:20-23; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Titus 2:11-14; Revelation 20:11-15*).