



Statement of Beliefs

BELIEFS: WHAT

- **The Supremacy of God**
 - We believe that God the Father has revealed Himself through His Son, Jesus, and continues to exercise His power through His Spirit. God reigns supreme over nature, history, and human life. SouthPointe Christian Church recognizes that it depends completely upon God for vision, direction, power, and resources.
- **The Authority of the Bible**
 - We believe that the Bible is the inspired Word of God and is entirely true. It is the standard by which we know what to believe and how to live. The truth revealed in the Bible governs every aspect of SouthPointe Christian Church.
- **The Universality of the Gospel**
 - We believe that salvation is only through Jesus Christ. All people have sinned and need a Savior. Jesus' death and resurrection guarantees that all people may obtain salvation through their faith in Him.
- **The Greatness of the Commission**
 - We believe that every Christian and every church has a great commission from Jesus to make disciples of all people.
- **The Centrality of the Church**
 - We believe that the local church is God's chosen vehicle to edify believers and evangelize the world.

We believe in one God-Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

(Matt. 5:16,45, 6:1,4,8,9; James 1:17; John 1:1, 14:9; Gen. 1:2; John 4:24, 14:16-20; 2 Pet. 1:21)

We believe in God the Father Almighty, Creator of all things visible and invisible

(Gen. 1:1; Acts. 17:24-28; Heb. 11:3)

We believe in Jesus Christ, God's one and only Son, our one and only Savior

(John 1:14; I John 4:9; John 3:16; 2 Pet. 3:18):

- Who was born Jesus of Nazareth, both fully human and fully divine, conceived of the Holy Spirit by the virgin Mary (Matt. 21:11; John 19:19; John 1:14; Rom 5:15-17; Col. 2:9; I John 1:1; Matt. 1:18; Luke 1:26-38)

- Who died and was buried, and Who rose again bodily from the dead on the third day (Luke 23:44-24:8; John 20:24-29; I Cor. 15:3-8)
- Who ascended into Heaven and now sits at the right hand of the Father (Luke 22:69; Acts 1:1-9; Col. 3:1)
- Who will return to earth to judge both the living and the dead (Matt. 24:36-42; John 14:1-3; Acts 1:10-11; 10:39-42; I Pet. 4:5)

We believe in the Holy Spirit

- Who is active and operative part of the triune God (John 16:5-15; Acts 1:7-8; Rom. 8:26-27)
- Who indwells every Christian (I Cor. 3:16, 6:19; 2 Tim. 1:14)

We believe the Bible is God's Holy Word, Scripture

- We believe God inspired the autographs (original writings) of the Scripture and those autographs were consequently without error (Mark 12:36; John 14:26, 16:12-15; Acts 1:16; I Cor. 2:12-13; 2 Tim. 3:14-16; 2 Pet. 1:20-21)
- We accept the Bible as the final authority for all matters of faith and practice (Isa. 40:8; Matt. 5:18, 24:35; Rom. 15:4; Heb. 4:12)

We believe the Bible teaches that man, created by God, willfully sinned against God and is consequently lost and without hope apart from Jesus Christ

(Acts 4:12; Rom. 3:23).

We believe the Bible teaches that salvation--the forgiveness of sins--is only by grace through the blood of Jesus Christ (Matt. 26:28; Rom. 5:9; Eph. 2:8-9; I Pet. 1:18-19; I John 1:7):

- We believe the Bible teaches that one receives God's grace by putting faith in Christ, repenting of sin, confessing Christ and being immersed into Christ, but that none of these is sufficient in and of itself for the assurance of salvation (Rom. 5:1-2; Luke 24:45-47; Acts 3:19, 17:30; 2 Pet. 3:9; Matt. 10:32; Rom. 10:9; Phil. 2:11; I John 4:15; Acts 2:38; Rom. 6:1-7; Gal. 3:27; Col. 2:12; I Pet. 3:21)

We believe the Church of Jesus Christ was founded on the Day of Pentecost and consists of all Christians everywhere (Matt. 16:13-18; Acts 2:14-47).

BELIEFS: WHY

The Nature of Jesus:

He alone is the Son of God (Phil. 2:5-11); the fullness of deity is found in Him (Col. 2:9; Heb. 1:2-3). He was sent by God, the Father, to be the only sacrifice worthy and acceptable to remove the sins of every one who believes (John 3:16; Acts 4:10-12). He is holy. He is God.

Sin and Salvation:

Sin is the universal human condition separating man from the Creator (Rom. 3:10-20). All people are subject to spiritual death because of the nature of sin (Rom. 6:23). Salvation comes only by faith in Jesus Christ which brings justification leading to sanctification and, finally, to glorification.

The Nature of Faith:

Faith is a person's response to God's initiative revealed in His written word and in His saving Word. Therefore, faith is dependent upon what we believe (I Tim. 3:9) and in Whom we believe (I Tim. 3:13).

The Experience of Baptism:

Baptism is given by Jesus as a divine command (Matt. 28:18-20). Believers are immersed as an act of obedience in response to faith in Jesus Christ. (I Peter 3:21; Acts 2:38).

The Authority of Scripture:

All authority ultimately rests with God (I Cor. 15:24-25). God has chosen to impart some of His knowledge and wisdom through inspired revelation (II Tim. 3:16). We accept the truth and trustworthiness of the Scriptures as absolute authority.

The Nature of the Church:

The Church is the holy Building of God (Eph. 2:20-22), the Bride of the Lamb (Eph. 5:22ff; Rev. 19:5ff), and the Body of Christ (I Cor. 12:12-13) bought with His blood (Acts 20:28) to encourage the believers and win the lost for Christ.

The Nature and Purpose of Spiritual Gifts:

Special gifts are given by God to every believer for the good of the Church (Eph. 4:11-13). It is the responsibility of the believer and the Church to discover, develop, and deploy these gifts to be effectual in the purpose of building up the Church and performing the work of the ministry (I Tim. 4:14-16).