

The Crossroads Community Church

Statement of Faith

God: We believe in a triune God, who being one God is also three entities, God the Father, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit. And although being separate, being each God. He always was, is and always will be. He created all things. We believe that all three entities have always existed.

Jesus Christ: The only Son of God. He always existed with God. He was born of a virgin, lived a sinless life, died, was buried, and on the third day rose from the dead. He ascended into Heaven, where He now sits at the right hand of God the Father. We believe he will come back in bodily form some day, to literally rapture all the Saints, and judge the living and the dead.

Holy Spirit: The third member of the Trinity. Active in humanity today. We believe that at the moment of salvation, every new believer is given the Holy Spirit, thus we do not hold to a second "baptism of the Holy Ghost". We believe the evidences of the presence of the Holy Spirit are the fruits listed in Galatians 5:22 – 23, and works or deeds. This does not in any way mean that "works" saves, it does not. It is the result of what God does, not the other way around.

Bible: The Bible (the 66 books) is God-breathed, complete, perfect and infallible in the original text. They are reliable in every area of life. II Timothy 2:16 says, "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness." We take that literally. It is authoritative, profitable, and useable for reproof, correction, and instruction, if one is to be righteous. God reveals Himself to us, in character and nature, through His Word. If we are to be genuine Christians, we should seek to know the God of the Bible.

Man: Created in the image of God. Adam sinned in the Garden, and original sin entered the world. Without a Savior, fallen man had no hope of having a restored relationship with God. We believe that when we are saved, our sin nature's ability to control us, is put to death. Romans 6:11 says: "In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus." If we are truly regenerated, then we ought to be Saints who occasionally sin, rather than sinners who occasionally act like Saints.

Salvation: We believe Jesus died once and for all. We believe the work was finished when He said it was (John 19:30) (Romans 10:9 & 10). We also believe in the security of the Believer, or "once saved, always saved." (John, 10:28) It's not what we do that gives us eternal life, God knows we won't be faithful. But He is perfect, and He will be faithful even when we aren't.

The Church: The church is God's instrument on Earth, prior to the return of Christ, to accomplish the Great Commission. As the song states: "We are His hands, we are His feet, we are His instruments". The only reason God doesn't rapture us as soon as we are saved, is because He called us to be "both salt and light" in a world that desperately needs both.

Baptism and Communion: We believe in and practice two "Sacraments", Baptism and Communion. We believe that Baptism is an outward proclamation of an inward decision. While baptism does not save, we are commanded to be baptized. We perform immersion baptism, because that is the example that Jesus gave us. We celebrate communion as a memorial, in the pattern prescribed in 1 Cor. 11.