

Roan Mountain Baptist Church

STATEMENT OF BASIC BELIEFS

1. We believe the Bible to be the inspired, inerrant, the only infallible, authoritative Word of God.
2. We believe that there is one God, eternally existent in the persons of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
3. We believe in the deity and humanity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in HIS virgin birth, in HIS sinless life, in HIS miracles, in HIS vicarious and atoning death through HIS shed blood, in HIS bodily resurrection, in HIS ascension to the right hand of the Father, in HIS present rule as Head of THE CHURCH and in HIS personal return in power and glory.
4. We believe the ordinances of THE CHURCH are Believer's Baptism and the Lord's Supper.
5. We believe that for salvation of lost and sinful man regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential.
6. We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and lost: those that are saved unto the resurrection of life and those that are lost unto the resurrection of damnation.
7. We believe in the spiritual unity and equality of believers in our Lord Jesus Christ.
8. We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit by whose in-dwelling the Christian is enabled to live a godly life.
9. We believe God ordained the local church for the perpetuation of HIS truth and work in the world.
10. We believe God immutably creates each person as male or female, which reflects the image and nature of God. Rejecting one's biological sex rejects the created image of God.
11. We believe God designed marriage as a unique conjugal relationship joining one man and one woman in a single, exclusive, life-long union. God intends sexual intimacy to occur only between a man and a woman joined in marriage.
12. We believe in the sanctity of human life and that God endows all human life with inherent dignity at every stage of development. God requires that life must be respected and protected from conception to natural death. Thus, the unjustified intentional taking of human life before or after birth is sinful and offensive to God.
13. We believe all forms of sexual immorality (including adultery, fornication, homosexual behavior, polygamy, polyandry, bestiality, incest pornography and acting upon any disagreement with one's biological sex) are sinful and offensive to God.