



## Teaching Statement

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Our church leadership has adopted the following statement as a standard of accountability for all teaching at The Rock Covenant Church. This is not a doctrinal statement for membership. However, we ask that no teaching in our church compromise this statement in order to prevent confusion or division on these important issues.

**WE TEACH** the Bible is the verbally inspired Word of God, without error in its original manuscripts. The Bible is our supreme and final authority in faith and life. (Psalm 19:7-14; 119; Isaiah 40:8; Matthew 5:18; 24:35; John 17:17; 1 Thessalonians 2:13; 2 Timothy 3:16-17; Hebrews 4:12; 2 Peter 1:20-21)

**WE TEACH** that there is one God, eternally existing in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. (Genesis 1:1, 26; Deuteronomy 6:4-5; Matthew 1:23; 28:19; John 1:1-3; Acts 5:3-4; 2 Corinthians 13:14; Ephesians 4:5-6)

**WE TEACH** that Jesus Christ, through whom and for whom all things were created, is the eternal Son of God. He was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the Virgin Mary, and is fully God and fully man. (Matthew 1:18-25; Luke 1:26-38; John 1:1-3, 14; Romans 8:3; Galatians 4:4-5; Philippians 2:6-8; Colossians 4:4-5; Hebrews 2:17-18)

**WE TEACH** that man was created in the image of God, that he sinned and thereby incurred not only physical death but also spiritual death which is separation from God, and that all human beings are born with a sinful nature, and became guilty sinners in thought, word, and deed. (Genesis 1:26-27; 3:1-24; Psalm 14:1-3; 51:5; Romans 1:18-32; 3:9-23; 5:12-21; Ephesians 2:1-3; 1 John 1:8)

**WE TEACH** that the Lord Jesus died for our sins according to the Scriptures as the only, perfect, all sufficient representative and substitutionary sacrifice; that He bodily rose victorious from the grave on the third day; and that all who believe in Him are justified on the basis of His shed blood. (Matthew 20:28; 28:6; John 3:16; Romans 3:24-26; 5:1; 10:9; 1 Corinthians 15:3, 14; 2 Corinthians 5:21; Ephesians 1:7; Hebrews 2:9; 1 Peter 1:17-21; 1 John 2:2)

**WE TEACH** that all who respond by grace through faith to accept the Lord Jesus Christ

are born again of the Holy Spirit and thereby become children of God forever. (John 1:12-13; 3:3-5; Romans 8:28-38; Galatians 4:4-5; Titus 3:3-7; James 1:18; 1 Peter 1:23; 1 John 5:1)

**WE TEACH** that while without faith it is impossible to please God, the possession of faith does not ensure health or prosperity. (Luke 9:22-27; 2 Corinthians 11:23-31; 12:7-10; Philippians 1:29-30; 2 Timothy 3:8-12; Hebrews 11:6; 32-40)

**WE TEACH** the personal and imminent return of our Lord Jesus Christ. (Acts 1:11; 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17; Titus 2:11-13; Revelation 2:16; 3:11)

**WE TEACH** the bodily resurrection of the just and unjust, the everlasting joy of the saved and the everlasting conscious punishment of the lost. (Matthew 25:31-46; John 5:24-29; 1 Corinthians 15:12-57; 2 Corinthians 5:10; Revelation 20:11 – 22:21)

**WE TEACH** that all Christians are baptized by the Holy Spirit and permanently indwelt by Him at the point of salvation. The filling of the Holy Spirit is meant to be a continuous experience for the believer through submission to His controlling authority and power. (John 14:16; 15:5; Romans 6:3-5; 8:9-11; 1 Corinthians 12:13; Ephesians 5:15-21)

**WE TEACH** that the body of Christ, the church, is composed of interdependent members who are born again, each having received from the Holy Spirit gifts which are to be exercised for the building up of the whole body. No one gift is given to all believers nor indicates regeneration, filling, or baptism with the Holy Spirit. (Romans 12:4-8; 1 Corinthians 12:12-13; Ephesians 2:14-20; 4:4-16)

**WE TEACH** that Christ commanded His church to baptize believers as a proclamation of their faith and identification with Him and His church, and to celebrate communion as a living memorial of His redemptive death and as a reminder of present fellowship with Christ and His body. (Matthew 26: 26-29; 28:18-20; Acts 2:28-47; 8:36-40; 10:47; 18:8; Romans 6:3-5; 1 Corinthians 11:23-29)