

REVOLUTION CHURCH — OUR BELIEFS

We believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and Earth. We believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

The Bible – God's Living Word

The Bible is God's Word to all people. It was written by human authors under the supernatural guidance of the Holy Spirit. Because it was inspired by God, the Bible is truth without any mixture of error and is completely relevant to our daily lives. It is absolute truth and the supreme authority in all matters of belief and behavior.

Scripture: Deuteronomy 4:1-2 | Psalms 119:11, 89, 105 | Isaiah 40:8 | Matthew 22:29 | John 5:39; 16:13-15; 17:17 | Romans 15:4 | 2 Timothy 3:15-17 | Hebrews 1:1-2; 4:12 | 1 Peter 1:25 | 2 Peter 3:16

Trinity – God: Three in One

God has existed in relationship with Himself for all eternity. He exists as one substance in three persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Although each member of the Trinity serves different functions, they each possess equal power and authority.

Scripture: Deuteronomy 6:4 | Isaiah 61:1 | Matthew 28:19 | Mark 1:9-11 | Luke 1:35 | John 5:21-23; 14:10, 16 | Romans 8:9-11 | 1 Corinthians 8:6 | 2 Corinthians 13:14 | Hebrews 1:8-10 | James 2:19

The Father – God is great, God is good

God is great: He is all powerful, all knowing, ever present, unchanging, completely worthy of our trust, and above all, holy. It is in Him that we live, move, and exist. God is good: He is our Father. He is loving, compassionate, and faithful to His people and His promises.

Scripture: Exodus 3:14 | Numbers 23:19 | Leviticus 11:44-45; 19:2 | Psalm 11:4-6 | Malachi 3:6 | John 3:16; 4:24; 5:26; 14:1 | Acts 17:28 | Romans 3:3-4

Jesus – God became man

Jesus Christ is completely human, but at the same time completely God. He is the only plan for bringing people who are enemies of God back into a right relationship with God. He lived a perfect life so that He could be a substitution for us in satisfying God's demands for perfection. He defeated death in His resurrection so that we could have life.

Scripture: Isaiah 7:14; 53 | Matthew 1:18-23; 3:17; 8:29; 14:33; 16:16; 28:5-6 | Luke 22:70; 24:46-47 | John 1:1, 14; 10:30; 11:25-27; 17:1-5 | Acts 1:9; 2:22-24; 7:55-56 | Romans 1:3-4; 3:23-26; 8:1-3; 10:4 | 1 Corinthians 8:6 | 2 Corinthians 5:19-21 | Gal 4:4-5 | Philippians 2:5-11 | Colossians 1:15; 2:9 | 1 Timothy 2:5-6; 3:16

The Holy Spirit – God is always present

His presence assures us of our relationship with Christ. He guides believers into all truth, and exalts Christ. He convicts people of their sin, God's righteousness, and the coming judgment. He comforts us, gives us spiritual gifts, and makes us more like Christ.

Scripture: Genesis 1:2 | Psalms 51:11; 139:7 | Isaiah 61:1-3; Joel 2:28-32 | Mark 1:10 | Luke 1:35; 4:1; 11:13; 12:12 | John 15:26; 16:7-14 | Acts 1:8; 2:1-4; 13:2 | Romans 8:9-11, 14-16, 26-27 | 1 Corinthians 3:16 | Ephesians 1:13-14 | 2 Peter 1:21 | Revelation 22:17

Eternity – Somewhere forever

Man was created to exist forever. He will either exist eternally separated from God by sin, or in union with God through forgiveness and salvation. To be eternally separated from God is Hell. To be eternally in union with Him is eternal life. Heaven and Hell are real places of eternal existence.

Scripture: John 3:16, 36 | Romans 6:23 | 1 John 2:25; 5:11-13 | Revelation 20:15

Man – God’s image bearers

Man is made in the image of God and is the supreme object of His creation. Man was created to have fellowship with God, but became separated in that relationship through sinful disobedience. As a result, man cannot attain a right relationship with God through his own effort. Every human personality is uniquely created, possesses dignity, and is worthy of respect and Christian love.

Scripture: Genesis 1:26-30; 2:7, 18-22; 3 | Psalms 8:3-6; 32:1-5; 51:5 | Isaiah 6:5 | Jeremiah 17:5 | Acts 17:26-31 | Romans 1:19-32; 3:10-18, 23; 5:6; 6:6; 7:14-25 | 1 Corinthians 1:21-31; 15:19, 21-22 | Ephesians 2 | Colossians 1:21-22; 3:9-11

Salvation – God’s only way

The blood of Jesus Christ, shed on the cross, provides the only way of salvation through the forgiveness of sin. Salvation occurs when people place their faith in the death and resurrection of Christ as sufficient payment for their sin. Salvation is a gift from God and it cannot be earned through our own efforts.

Scripture: Isaiah 1:18; 53:5-6; 55:7 | Matthew 1:21; 27:22-28:6 | Luke 1:68-69; 2:28-32 | John 1:12; 3:16, 36; 5:24 | Acts 2:21; 4:12; 16:30-31 | Romans 1:16-18; 3:23-25; 5:8-10; 6 | 1 Corinthians 1:18 | 2 Corinthians 5:17-20 | Galatians 2:20; 3:13 | Ephesians 2:8-10 | Philippians 2:12-13 | Hebrews 9:24-28 | Revelation 3:20

The Church – God’s design for community

The church is a local community of baptized believers unified through faith in Christ. It is committed to the teachings of Christ, to obeying all of His commands, and it seeks to bring the Gospel to the world. The Church works together in love and unity, intent on the ultimate purpose of glorifying Christ.

Scripture: Matthew 16:18-19; 18:15-20 | Acts 2:41-47; 5:11-14; 13:1-3; 14:23; 16:5; 20:28 | 1 Corinthians 7:17; 9:13-14; 12 | Ephesians 1:22-23; 2:19-22; 3:10-12; 5:22-32 | Colossians 1:18; 3:15 | 1 Timothy 4:14 | 1 Peter 5:1-4 | Revelation 21:2-3

REVOLUTION CHURCH — IMPORTANT STATEMENTS

Humanity: We believe that man & woman were created in the image & likeness of God, but that through Adam’s sin, the race fell, inherited a sinful nature, & became alienated from God. Man has a radical propensity to sin, & of himself is utterly unable to remedy his lost condition. We believe that all human life is sacred & created by God in His image. Human life is of inestimable worth in all its dimensions, including pre-born babies, the aged, the physically or mentally challenged, & every other stage or condition from conception through natural death. We are therefore called to defend, protect, & value all human life. This is seen in the reality of Jesus Christ’s incarnation, becoming a man, & his willingness to die for humanity.

Sexuality & Gender Policy: Sexuality and the divinely prescribed boundaries for the expression thereof is covered clearly in the Holy Scriptures, which limit sexual expression to the marital relationship of one (1) man with one (1) woman. Homosexual acts, adultery, bestiality, and all forms of fornication are categorically condemned in the Holy Scriptures. See 1 Cor. 6:18; 1 Thes. 4:3; Rom. 1:26-27; Prov. 5:3-5, 8-13; 7:21-27; Gal. 5:19; Exodus 20:14; Deut. 5:18; Matt. 5:27; 19:18; Luke 18:20; Rom. 13:9; James 2:11; Lev. 20:10-21; 1 Cor. 10:8; and 6:18; Jude 7. Furthermore, the Church believes that gender is assigned by God at birth, whatever that may be, and the Holy Scripture does not permit an individual to alter their sexual identity physically or otherwise. See Deut. 23:1

Marriage Policy: We believe that because God our Creator established marriage as a sacred institution between one (1) man and one (1) woman, the idea that marriage is a covenant only between one (1) man and one (1) woman has been the traditional definition of marriage for all of human history ("Traditional Definition of Marriage"). Because of the longstanding importance of the Traditional Definition of Marriage to humans and their relationships and communities, and, most importantly, the fact that God has ordained that marriage be between one (1) man and one (1) woman, as clearly conveyed in God's inerrant Scriptures, including for example in Matthew 19:4-6 where in speaking about marriage Jesus referred to the fact that "he which made them at the beginning made them male and female," the Church hereby creates this policy, which shall be known as the "Marriage Policy." Under this Church's Marriage Policy, the Traditional Definition of Marriage is the only definition of marriage that will be recognized or accepted. Our Marriage Policy is based upon God's will for human life as conveyed to us through the Holy Scriptures, upon which this Church has been founded and anchored, and this Marriage Policy shall NOT be subject to change through popular vote; referendum; prevailing opinion of members or the general public; influence of or interpretation by any government authority, agency, or official action; or legal developments on the local, state, or federal level.

Common Law Marriage Policy: In no case shall persons be accepted into Church employment and/or volunteer positions of leadership or teaching that are known to be living in: (i) a common law state of matrimony; or (ii) a manner inconsistent with the Church's teaching on marriage or sexuality.

Bathroom Policy: Consistent with the Church's sincerely held religious beliefs, gender specific bathroom facilities may only be utilized consistent with gender assigned at birth and not gender identity or expression.

Statement on Life: Every human life has inherent dignity and thus must be treated with the respect due to a human person. See Psalm 139:13-16. Conversely, to claim that some live human beings do not deserve respect or should not be treated as "persons" (based on changeable factors such as age, condition, location, or lack of mental or physical abilities) is to deny the very idea of inherent human rights. Such a claim undermines respect for the lives of many vulnerable people before and after birth. Accordingly, direct abortion, that is to say, abortion willed either as an end or a means, is gravely contrary to the moral law and sinful.