

Calvary: The Hill Statement of Faith

Primary Doctrine

Our primary doctrine is a part of our identity as Christians. Candidates for membership at Calvary: The Hill need to affirm the Primary Doctrines in order to be considered for membership.

Our church is evangelical.¹

We believe the Bible² is the inspired, inerrant and authoritative Word of God. We believe the Bible is the final authority in every area it addresses for every individual Christian, as well as for the church collectively (*2 Timothy 3:16-17; 2 Peter 1:21; John 10:35*).

We believe there is one God who eternally exists as three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We believe that all things were created by Him and for Him (*Deuteronomy 6:4; Isaiah 45:21-22; Matthew 28:19; Colossians 1:16*).

We believe that God the Son became a human being in the person of Jesus Christ. That He was conceived of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, lived a sinless life (for He was without sin), died a substitutionary death for all mankind, was raised from the dead the third day, ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God until His enemies are made His footstool (*John 1:1; 14, Matthew 1:18-25; 2 Corinthians 5:21; 1 Peter 3:18; 1 Corinthians 15:3-4; Hebrews 10:12-13*).

We believe the Holy Spirit was sent by the Father and the Son to convict the world of sin, righteousness and judgment. We believe the Holy Spirit regenerates, indwells and seals believers in the Lord Jesus Christ, and that He empowers them to live as His witnesses (*John 14:16-17; John 16:7-11; Titus 3:5-6; Romans 8:9; 1 Corinthians*

¹ As defined by the Bebbington quadrilateral

² The sixty-six books of the Protestant Bible in their original languages

6:19-20; *Ephesians 1:13-14; Acts 1:8; Romans 12:6-8; 1 Corinthians 12-14; 1 Peter 4:10-11*).

We believe that God created human beings, male and female, in His own image. He created them sinless, equal in value, dignity and worth (*Genesis 1:26-28; Ephesians 5:22-6:4; 1 Timothy 3:1-7*).

We believe that marriage is ordained by God to be an exclusive, lifelong, and covenantal union of one man and one woman. God ordained sexual intimacy to be enjoyed exclusively within this marriage covenant, and any inward cultivation or outward expression of sexual desire apart from this context is out of accord with God's creational intent, and therefore against his good and gracious will. We believe that all Christians are called to steward their sexuality faithfully either in marriage or vocational singleness (*Gen 2:18-24, Matthew 5:27-32, 19:3-12, 1 Corinthians 7:1-11, Hebrews 13:4*).

We believe that, as a result of the Fall, all people are sinners by nature and in need of a Savior, and that Jesus Christ is the one and only Savior of the world. That salvation is by grace alone through faith alone in Him. We believe that all who call on the name of the Lord shall be saved eternally (*Romans 3:10; Romans 3:23; Romans 5:18-19; Matthew 1:21; 1 John 4:14; John 14:6; Acts 4:12; Ephesians 2:8-9; Romans 10:9*).

We believe there is one church, the body of Christ, consisting of men and women from every tribe, tongue, people and nation. We believe that each local congregation is an expression of that universal church. We believe in the spiritual unity of believers in our Lord Jesus Christ (*Ephesians 4:4; 1 Corinthians 12:12-13; Revelation 5:9; Acts 2:42-47*).

We believe in a literal return of Jesus Christ to the earth and for the consummation of God's redemptive plan (*Jude 1:14; Revelation 19:11-16; Revelation 20:4*).

We believe in the resurrection of the dead. Believers will be raised to life and unbelievers to shame and everlasting contempt (hell) (*Daniel 12:2; John 5:25-29; Revelation 21:1-22:5*).

Secondary Doctrine

Our secondary doctrine is held and taught by our local church Calvary: The Hill's eldership, in accordance with the Calvary Global Network (CGN) distinctives. Members of Calvary: The Hill do not need to affirm these secondary doctrines, but they need to not teach against them.

We hold a continuationist view of the Holy Spirit.

We believe that all of the gifts of the Holy Spirit mentioned in Scripture are available to and active in His church today (*John 14:16-17; John 16:7-11; Titus 3:5-6; Romans 8:9; 1 Corinthians 6:19-20; Ephesians 1:13-14; Acts 1:8; Romans 12:6-8; 1 Corinthians 12-14; 1 Peter 4:10-11*).

We hold a complementarian view of gender.

We believe that God created human beings, male and female, in His own image. He created them sinless, equal in value, dignity and worth. According to His purpose and design, God created them to fulfill distinct but complementary roles in the contexts of marriage, family and the local church (*Genesis 1:26-28; Ephesians 5:22-6:4; 1 Timothy 3:1-7*).

We hold a premillennial view of the end times.

We believe in the premillennial return of Christ to the earth, to sit upon the throne of David and rule over the house of Jacob (Israel), and the entire cosmos, forever (*Revelation 20:1-6; Luke 1:31-33; Isaiah 9:6-7*).