

Membership Sermon

Various Passages

THE FIVE BASIC CORE VALUES

The value of...

❶ **Our Mission:** To lead people to know God and make Him known. (Matthew 28:19-20)

❷ **Our Desire:** That every man, woman and child have repeated opportunities to hear, see and respond to the gospel of Jesus Christ. (Acts 1:8)

❸ **Our Dream:** To reflect heavenly diversity. (Revelation 7:9-10)

❹ **Our Culture:** A church for the unchurched. (Acts 15:19)

❺ **Our Hope:** To get people connected and start making a difference. (Acts 6:1-7)

HOW TO HAVE A RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

Four principles to help discover how to know God personally

❶ **God LOVES you and created you to know Him personally.** (John 3:16)

❷ **Man is SINFUL and SEPARATED from God.** (Romans 3:23 & Romans 6:23)

❸ **Jesus Christ is God's ONLY provision for man's sin.** (Romans 5:8 & John 14:6)

❹ **We must individually RECEIVE Jesus as Forgiver & Leader.** (John 1:12 & Ephesians 2:8-9)

WHAT WE BELIEVE AT TWO RIVERS

Eight doctrinal statements

ABOUT THE BIBLE

The Bible is the inspired Word of God. The human authors wrote under the supernatural guidance of the Holy Spirit so that the very words recorded in the original manuscripts are without error. The Bible is the complete and final authority for belief and behavior. (II Timothy 3:16; II Peter 1:21; I Corinthians 2:13; John 17:17)

ABOUT GOD

God is the Creator and Supreme Ruler of the universe. Although there is only one God, we believe he has eternally existed in three eternal and coequal persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. (Mark 12:29; John 4:24; Matthew 3:16-17; Matthew 28:19; II Corinthians 13:14)

ABOUT JESUS CHRIST

Jesus Christ is the pre-existent and eternal Son of God who became man in order to reveal God and redeem man. We believe He was supernaturally conceived of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. We believe Christ died on the cross as a substitute for sinful man, was buried, arose bodily from the tomb, ascended into Heaven where He ministers on the behalf of saints, and someday will come again for His own. (John 1:18; and 8:58; Matthew 1:23; Colossians 1:15-17; I Timothy 1:15 and 3:16)

ABOUT THE HOLY SPIRIT

The Holy Spirit is fully equal with God the Father and God the Son. The Holy Spirit is active in the world to restrain evil, convict people of sin and bestow God's goodness on all. He also indwells every Christian from the moment of salvation, providing power for living, guidance, and spiritual gifting. (Acts 5:3-4, II Thessalonians 2:3-9; John 16:7-11; Matthew 5:45; Titus 3:5; Ephesians 1:13; I Corinthians 6:19 and 12:13; Ephesians 3:20; I Corinthians 14; James 5:14; Ephesians 5:18; Romans 8:16 and 14; John 16:13, 7)

ABOUT HUMAN BEINGS

Man was created in the image and likeness of God to glorify him. Through deliberate disobedience, we believe man fell from his sinless state and lost his fellowship with God and became subject to spiritual and physical death. We believe that through Adam's transgression the entire human race has inherited a sinful nature which is essentially evil and unable to please God. (Gen. 1:26-27 and 3:24; Romans 5:12; Ephesians 2:1-3)

ABOUT SALVATION

Salvation from the penalty and power of sin is provided only through the blood of Jesus Christ, which He shed on the cross when He died in our place. Salvation cannot be earned. It must be received as a free gift through personal faith in Jesus Christ. At the time of salvation, a person's sins are forgiven and he is declared righteous in the sight of God. This salvation is complete and all who have trusted Christ as Savior will never lose their salvation. (I Peter 1:18-19; II Corinthians 5:21; I Peter 2:24; Ephesians 2:8-9; Titus 3:5; Ephesians 4:32; Romans 5:1; Romans 8:38-39)

ABOUT THE CHURCH

The Church is a unique organism composed of individuals who have placed their faith in Christ as Savior. The Church exists both in a universal aspect, as the Body of Christ, and in a local assembly of believers. The local church has the twofold purpose of the edification of believers and the evangelization of the lost. The two ordinances of the church are water baptism, and the Lord's Supper. (I Corinthians 12:13; Acts 2:1-4; I Thessalonians 4:13-17; Colossians 4:16; Ephesians 4:7; Hebrews 13:17; Matthew 28:19-20; I Corinthians 11:23-28)

ABOUT ETERNITY

People were created to exist forever. People who reject Jesus Christ will exist eternally separated from God to eternal punishment in Hell. People who accept Jesus Christ as their Savior and Substitute will exist with God in an eternal state of bliss. (John 14:3; Heb. 10:37; 2 Cor. 5:10; Matt. 24:21-31; Rev. 20-22)

THE SIX COMMITMENTS FOR TRBC MEMBERS

We want you to be committed to...

- ❶ **ATTEND CHURCH REGULARLY.** (Hebrews 10:24-25)

- ❷ **SERVE IN A MINISTRY.** (Ephesians 4:11-13)

- ❸ **CONNECT IN A SMALL GROUP.** (Acts 2:42-47)

- ❹ **INTRODUCING PEOPLE TO JESUS** (Philemon 6)

- ❺ **SACRIFICIAL GIVING TO THE VISION** (1 Corinthians 16:2)

- ❻ **FOLLOW THE LEADERSHIP OF THE ELDERS**
(Hebrews 13:17-19)