



Doctrinal Statement Fort Wilderness Ministries

We believe...

1. The Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are inspired of God and are inerrant in the original writings. The Bible is the supreme and final authority in matters pertaining to faith and life (Deut. 4:2; Matt. 5:18; 2 Tim. 3:16-17; 2 Peter 1:20-21).
2. There is one God, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (Deut. 6:4; Matt. 28:19-20; John 1:1-14; 2 Cor. 13:14; Heb. 1:3).
3. In Jesus Christ, who is God the Son, became man, begotten of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary, and through eternity continues to be true God and true man (Is. 7:14; Matt. 1:18-23; Phil. 2:5-8; Heb. 2:17).
4. Mankind was created, male or female, by God in His image; we were knit together in the womb: all have sinned and thereby incurred both physical and spiritual death. All men are born with a sinful nature and consequently are sinners in thought, word, and deed (Gen. 1:27; 5:2; Ps. 51:5; 139:13-14; Rom. 3:23; 6:23; Heb. 9:27).
5. The Lord Jesus Christ died for our sins according to the Scripture as a substitutionary sacrifice. All who believe in Him are saved on the grounds of His death and resurrection (Rom. 5:1; 5:8; 1 Cor. 15:3-8; Eph. 2:8-9; 1 Peter 3:18).
6. Once saved we cannot be lost; we are eternally secure in Christ (John 3:16; 6:37-40; 10:27-29; Col. 3:3; 1 John 5:13).
7. The crucified body of our Lord was resurrected and He ascended into Heaven, and lives there as the High Priest and advocate before the Father (Mark 16:1-6; 1 Tim. 2:5; Heb. 4:14-15; 7:23-28; 8:1-2; 9:24; 1 John 2:1).
8. Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ will return to the earth personally, bodily, visibly, and gloriously and all believers should look for His return, which is the "Blessed Hope" of the church (Matt. 24:27; Acts 1:9-11; Titus 2:11-14; Rev. 1:7).
9. That the bodies of the dead, both of the just and the unjust will be resurrected. The just shall be resurrected at His coming to enjoy everlasting blessedness in His presence and the unjust at the final judgment unto everlasting judgment and punishment (1 Cor. 15; 1 Thes. 4:16-17; 2 Thes. 1:7-10; Rev. 6:15-17; 20:11-15).
10. In accordance with our view of the Bible as the supreme and final authority on all matters pertaining to faith and life, we uphold the biblical worldview that marriage is more than just a civil union, but is a sacred lifelong covenant between one man and one woman. It is an illustration of the relationship between Christ and the Church and that all sexual relations are to be reserved for this relationship (Gen 2:18-25; John 14:26; Rom. 1:18-27; 1 Cor. 6:9-11; Eph. 5:22-33; 2 Tim. 3:16-17).

This was accepted and ratified by the Board of Directors, Fort Wilderness Ministries on 4-23-16.