

- **Life of the Christ-Follower**

We believe that all Christians are called to live in such a manner that brings glory to God and honors other people. Christians should seek to become mature Christ-followers and the “fruits of the Spirit” should be evident in their lives. God calls us to love and worship Him with all of our being and honor Him with all that He entrusts to us. (Mark 12:28-31, 1 Corinthians 10:31, Romans 12, Galatians 5:13-14, Galatians 5:22-23, John 14:15, John 14:23-24, Colossians 1:9-12)

- **Spiritual Gifts**

We believe that the baptism of the Holy Spirit occurs when a person places their faith in Christ. God gives spiritual gifts as He chooses, and no particular spiritual gifts indicate a more blessed state for a Christ-follower than any others. Believers in Christ are called to minister with thankfulness and humility using the spiritual gifts that God has given them. (1 Corinthians 12:4-13, Romans 12:6-8, Ephesians 4:11-13, 1 Peter 4:10-11)

- **Future Things**

We believe that Jesus Christ will return to earth from Heaven at a time no person can predict to judge both the living and the dead. Christ-followers will spend eternity enjoying God's presence in a new Heaven and new earth. Those who have not placed their faith in Christ will spend eternity separated from God in Hell. (*Matthew 16:27, John 14:1-4, Acts 1:11, 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18, Revelation 20-22*)



What We Believe



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What We Believe (Our Statement of Faith)

Ridge Church is a member of the Acts29 Network and is in full agreement with the Acts29 Doctrinal Statement. We are also in agreement with the Statement of Faith of the National Association of Evangelicals. The Statement of Faith below details Ridge Church's core beliefs and theological stances. Please ask the Lead Pastor if you have any questions or need clarification.

- **The Bible**

We believe that the Bible, including both the Old Testament and the New Testament, is the Word of God and our source of Truth. It is verbally inspired by God and without error in its original manuscripts. It is the final standard for our lives and the final authority for our faith. (2 Timothy 3:16, 2 Peter 1:20, 2 Peter 3:16)

- **God—The Trinity**

We believe in one living, sovereign, and true God, eternally existing in three infinite Persons: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. Each Person in the Godhead is fully and completely God and equal in divinity, perfection, power, glory, and all other attributes. (Deuteronomy 6:4, Matthew 28:19, 2 Corinthians 13:14)

- **Jesus Christ**

We believe that Jesus Christ, God's only eternal Son, was conceived by the Holy Spirit and became man without ceasing to be God. He was born of a virgin, lived a sinless life, and performed miracles. He died on the cross as a substitute for us, taking the punishment for our sin upon Himself. He defeated death by His resurrection from the dead in bodily form and then ascended into Heaven. Jesus Christ is now constantly interceding for us with the Father, and He will return to earth to judge all people who have ever lived. (John 1:1–2, John 1:14, Luke 1:35, Matthew 16:16, Galatians 4:4, 1 Peter 2:21–24, Acts 1:9–11, Hebrews 2:14, Hebrews 2:17, Hebrews 7:25, Hebrews 9:24, Romans 8:34, 1 Peter 4:5, Romans 14:8–9, 2 Timothy 4:1, John 20:30–31, Romans 6:9–10)

- **The Holy Spirit**

We believe that the Holy Spirit is a Person who came to convict the world of sin, righteousness, and judgment. He came also to regenerate, sanctify, and empower all who believe in Jesus Christ. The Holy Spirit lives in every believer in Christ, and He is our helper, teacher and guide. (John 16:8–14, 2 Corinthians 3:16, Romans 8:9, John 14:16–17, John 14:26, John 15:26)

- **Man and Sin**

We believe that mankind was created in the holy image and likeness of God. Through voluntary sin, the human race fell out of relationship with God, inherited a sinful nature, and became alienated from Him. The just sentence for our sinfulness is both physical and eternal spiritual death. Humanity is totally depraved of any holiness before God, we are totally without excuse for our sin, and we have no means to rectify our situation based on our own efforts. (Genesis 1:26–27, Jeremiah 17:9, Romans 3:21–26, Romans 5:12, Ephesians 2:1–3, Ephesians 2:12)

- **Salvation**

We believe that salvation of sinners is the gift of God and by grace alone. Salvation is received only through personal faith in Jesus Christ and his sacrificial death, burial, and resurrection and is not obtained through any effort on the part of any person. (Ephesians 2:8–10, John 1:12–13, John 3:16, John 5:24, Romans 5:19, Ephesians 1:7)

- **Perseverance of the Saints/Eternal Security**

We believe that all Christians, once saved through faith in Christ and His sacrifice on the cross, are spiritually kept by God's power. True believers in Christ may rely on God's promise that their salvation is secure and should glorify God for their salvation and their spiritual security. (John 6:37–40, John 10:27–30, Romans 8:1, Romans 8:38–39, 1 Peter 1:3–9)

- **The Church**

We believe that Christ's local church consists of a group of baptized believers in Christ who covenant together in submission to God and His leadership. The local church gathers for worship, observation of Christ's ordinances, mutual edification, and ministry. God has also called the local church to serve as His missionary force to spread the Gospel of Christ. The Scriptural leaders of the church are pastors/elders and deacons. (Ephesians 1:22–23, Ephesians 5:25–27, 1 Corinthians 12:12–13, Acts 2:42–47, Acts 20:17, Hebrews 10:23–25, Matthew 28:18–20, 1 Timothy 3:1–13, Titus 1:5–9, Romans 16:1)

- **Ordinances/Sacraments**

We believe that Jesus Christ has given the local church two ordinances: believer's baptism and the Lord's Supper or Communion. Christian baptism is the immersion of the believer in water and is an act of obedience to Christ. The Lord's Supper or Communion was instituted by Christ for commemoration of His death until His return. (Matthew 28:19–20, Acts 2:41–42, Acts 18:8, 1 Corinthians 11:23–26)