

Lakes Ranch Statement of Faith

We Believe:

<u>The Trinity:</u> God is the one and only God who is eternally living in three persons: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit equal in deity and glory. [Eph 4 v 5, 6] [Gen. 1 v 1] [Math 28; 19] [2 Cor. 13 v 14] [James 2 v 19]

<u>The Holy Bible:</u> The Divine inspiration and trust worthiness of the Holy Scriptures as originally given, and that these are the supreme authority in all matters of faith and conduct. [2 Tim. 3 v 16] [2 Peter 1 v 20, 21]

<u>The Church:</u> Salvation and membership into the Christian Church is by faith and belief in Jesus Christ alone. [Matt. $10 \vee 32$, 33] [1 Thess. $5 \vee 9$, 10] [2 Tim. $2 \vee 10$] [2 Tim. $3 \vee 15$] [John $14 \vee 6-7$] [Acts $4 \vee 10-12$]

The Saviour:

1. God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believed in him shall not perish but have eternal life. [John 3. 16]

2. Jesus Christ was crucified, he died was buried and on the third day arose, he spent time on the earth and after 40 days ascended to heaven. [1 Corin 15:3-4] [Mark 16: 19] 3. All have sinned and come short of the Glory of God and that only through the death and the risen power of Jesus Christ, can those who believe in and confess Him as Saviour and Lord be saved from the penalty and power of sin. [Romans 5 v 12-15] [Romans 10 v 9 -13].

The Holy Spirit: When we accept Jesus Christ as our Saviour the Holy Spirit comes to live with us and in us and brings us to repent of our sins and to trust Christ for our salvation. The Holy Spirit is our ever present comforter and partner through our journey through this life. [Acts 2: 38-39] [John 15: 26] [John 16:8] [Romans 8:2]

Conception: Jesus Christ is the son of God and was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born as a man of the Virgin Mary. He was without sin while on this earth.[Math 1:22-23] [Mark 1: 10 –11] [1 John 3:5]

<u>Return:</u> Jesus Christ will return in Glory to judge the living and the dead and that his kingdom will last for eternity. [Acts 1: 10 – 11]

<u>The Love of God:</u> That neither death nor life, not angels or spirits, not the present nor the future, not any powers above or below, nothing in all creation can or will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. [Roms 8: 37-39] [John 10: 25-30]

<u>Spiritual Maturity:</u> It is the goal of every believer in Jesus Christ to grow in spiritual maturity through obedience to the word of God and the indwelling Holy Spirit. [Luke 8:14-15] [Eph 4:13-16]