



# STATEMENT OF FAITH

**South Coast Baptist College Incorporated is a Ministry of Rockingham Baptist Church Incorporated.**

We believe in:

## **DISTINCTIVES**

1. The Lordship of Christ. Christ alone is head of the Church and not any human authority or power. He rules by His Word.
2. A regenerate Membership. The local Church consists of people who have made a credible profession of faith and seek to live in obedience to Christ.
3. Liberty of conscience. We recognise the God given choice of religious liberty for people.
4. The priesthood of all believers. The right of every believer to approach God through the Lord Jesus Christ without any other human intermediary.
5. The responsibility of the local Church to manage its own affairs. Each Church is charged with the responsibility and given the resources to be responsible for its own life and Ministry.
6. Baptism by immersion. Baptism is by full immersion in water signifying union with Christ in His death, burial and resurrection.

## **DOCTRINE**

7. The one, true and living God who eternally exists in three Persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit who are of the same substance and equal in power and glory. Genesis 1:26; Exodus 3:2-6; Deuteronomy 6:4; Psalm 2; John 1:1-18; 10:30 Romans 9:5; Colossians 2:9
8. The sovereignty of God in creation, revelation, redemption, and the final judgment; and that humankind was created in the image of God. Genesis 1:1-20; Psalm 135:5-15; Daniel 4:34, 35; Ephesians 1:11
9. The Bible as God's word written, and therefore entirely true and trustworthy, powerful to accomplish God's purpose in giving it to us. It is the sole authority in all matters of faith and practice. Psalm 19:7-11; Isaiah 55:1; 2 Timothy; 3:15-17; Peter 2:19-21
10. The universal sinfulness and guilt of human nature since the Fall, rendering everyone subject to God's wrath and condemnation. Jeremiah 17:9; Romans 1:18; 3:9-20
11. The existence, personality and evil nature of Satan. Isaiah 14:12; Matthew 4:1-11; Peter 5:8; Corinthians 11:14
12. The full deity of the Lord Jesus Christ, the incarnate Son of God; His virgin birth and His real and sinless humanity; His death on the Cross; His bodily resurrection and His present reign in heaven and earth and His future personal return, when He will judge everyone, executing God's just condemnation on the unrepentant and receiving the redeemed to eternal glory. John 1:1; Matthew 1:21-23; 1 Timothy 2:5; Hebrews 4:14-16; John 19:17-19, 28-37 Luke 24:1-47; Colossians 3:1; 1 Thessalonians 4; 14-17; Matthew 25:31-46



13. Redemption from the guilt, penalty, and the power of sin only through the sacrificial death once and for all time of our representative and substitute, Jesus Christ the only mediator between God and man. John 14:6; Ephesians 1:7, 8; 1Timothy 2:5; Hebrews 7:26-28; 9:11-15
14. Justification as God's act of undeserved mercy, in which sinners are pardoned all their sins, and accepted as righteous in God's sight, only because of the righteousness of Christ imputed to them, this justification being received by faith alone. Romans 3:21-30; Galatians 2:11-20
15. The need for the Holy Spirit to make the work of Christ effective to the individual sinner, granting him/her repentance toward God and faith in Jesus Christ. John 3:1-11; Acts 11:18; Ephesians 2:8-9
16. The indwelling of the Holy Spirit in all those regenerated, producing in them an increasing likeness to Christ in character and behaviour, and empowering them for their witness to the world. Acts 1:6-8; 2: 37-42; Romans 8:29; Galatians 4; 4-7
17. The term "marriage" has only one meaning: the uniting of one man and one woman in a single, exclusive union, as delineated in Scripture. That God intends sexual intimacy to occur only between a man and a woman who are married to each other. God has commanded that no intimate sexual activity be engaged in outside of a marriage. Genesis 2:18-25, 1Corinthians 6:18, 1Corinthians 7:2-5, Hebrews 13:4
18. The one holy universal Church, which is the Body of Christ, and to which all true believers belong. 1Corinthians 12:13; Ephesians 2:11-19
19. The two ordinances given by Christ, namely Baptism and the Lord's Supper. Matthew 28:18-20; Luke 22:19-20; Acts 8:38-39; 1 Corinthians 11: 23-34

