



West River Classical Co-Op Statement of Faith

- **THE SCRIPTURES**

We believe that the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the Word of God, fully inspired without error and the infallible rule of faith and practice. We believe that the Word of God supersedes any earthly law that is contrary to the Holy Scriptures ([Isaiah 28:13](#); [Nehemiah 8:8](#); [John 17:17](#); [II Timothy 3:16-17](#); [Hebrews 4:12](#); [I Peter 1:23-25](#); [II Peter 1:3-4, 21](#)).

- **THE TRINITY**

We believe that there is one living and true GOD, eternally existing in three persons: The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, equal in power and glory; that this triune God created all, upholds all, and governs all things ([Genesis 1:1](#); [Deuteronomy 6:4](#); [Isaiah 44:8, 48:16](#); [Matthew 28:19-20](#); [John 10:30](#); [Hebrews 1:3](#)).

- **GOD THE FATHER**

We believe in the person of God the Father, an infinite, eternal, personal Spirit, perfect in holiness, wisdom, power and love; that He concerns Himself mercifully in the affairs of men; that He hears and answers prayer; and that He saves from sin and death all those who come to Him through Jesus Christ ([Deuteronomy 33:27](#); [Psalm 90:2, 102:27](#); [John 3:16, 4:24](#); [I Timothy 1:17](#); [Titus 1:3](#)).

- **GOD THE SON**

We believe in the person of Jesus Christ, God's only begotten Son, conceived by the Holy Spirit. We believe in His virgin birth, sinless life, miracles and teachings, his substitutionary atoning death, bodily resurrection, ascension into heaven, perpetual intercession for His people and personal, visible return to earth ([Isaiah 7:14](#); [Micah 5:2](#); [Matthew 1:23](#); [Mark 16:19](#); [Luke 1:34-35](#); [John 1:1-2, 8:58, 11:25](#); [I Corinthians 15:3-4](#); [I Timothy 3:16](#); [Hebrews 1:8](#); [I John 1:2](#); [Revelation 1:8](#)).

- **GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT**

We believe in the person of the Holy Spirit, Who came forth from the Father and Son to convict the world of sin, righteousness, and judgment, and to regenerate, sanctify and empower for ministry all who believe in Christ (**John 16:8-11; Acts 1:8; Romans 8:26, 15:13,16; II Corinthians 3:18; Hebrews 9:14**). We believe the Holy Spirit indwells every believer in Jesus Christ and that He is an abiding helper, teacher, and guide (**John 16:13, 14:16-17, 16:8-11; Romans 8:26**). We believe in the Baptism with the Holy Spirit as a distinct and separate experience to that of regeneration, occurring either subsequent to or simultaneous with salvation, evidenced by a greater dynamic in the Christian's life, enabling that person to be a bold and more effective witness. The supreme evidence of the Spirit-filled life is the fruit of the Spirit, love. We believe in the present day ministry of the Holy Spirit in regard to the exercise of all biblical gifts of the Holy Spirit according to the instructions given to us (**I Corinthians 12-14**).

- **SIN**

We believe that all people are sinners by nature and choice, falling short of God's standard and breaking His commandments – and therefore are under God's righteous judgment. Yet, God saves and gives new life to all who come to Him in repentance and faith, trusting in the Person and work of Jesus Christ. At the cross, Jesus Christ died in our place as our substitute, absorbing God's wrath that should have come upon us. Because Jesus died for the sins of the world the invitation to believe is open to all, and whoever desires may come unto Jesus for new life and the forgiveness of sins (**Matthew 11:28; John 3:16; Acts 3:19, 20:21; Romans 3:23; Ephesians 2:1-3, 8-9; I John 2:2; Revelation 22:17**).

- **HEAVEN AND HELL**

We believe in a literal Heaven and a literal Hell and that all those who place their faith, hope and trust in Jesus Christ will spend eternity in Heaven with the Lord.

Those who reject Jesus' free gift of salvation will spend eternity separated from the Lord ([Psalm 9:17](#); [Matthew 5:3, 5:22, 18:9, 25:31-34](#); [Mark 9:42-49](#); [Luke 12:5](#); [John 3:18](#); [Hebrews 12:23](#); [I Peter 1:4](#); [Revelation 14:10-11, 20:11-15](#)).

- **CHRIST'S SECOND COMING**

We believe in the Second Coming of Jesus Christ, which is His personal, visible return to Earth, in the resurrection of the body, the final judgment and eternal blessing of the righteous and endless separation of the wicked ([Matthew 16:27](#); [Acts 1:11](#); [Revelation 19:11-16, 20:11-15](#)).

- **MARRIAGE**

We believe that God created man and that He created them male and female. As such, He created them different so as to complement and complete each other. God instituted monogamous marriage between male and female as the foundation of the family and the basic structure of human society ([Genesis 2:24](#); [Matthew 19:4-6](#); [John 4:16-18](#); [Romans 1:18-32](#); [I Corinthians 5:11, 6:9-11, 18-20, 7:1-3, 8-9](#); [Galatians 5:19-21](#); [Ephesians 5:3-7](#); [I Timothy 1:9-11](#)).

- **EDUCATION**

We believe that the knowledge and understanding of God is the center of education. God designed families such that parents teach their children about God and His Word. The parents, specifically the father, have been given a mandate to train their children in how to live; therefore, we recognize and defer to the parents as the chief educators of their children. ([Deuteronomy 6:1-2](#); [Deuteronomy 11:19](#); [Proverbs 9:10](#); [Proverbs 22:6](#); [Matthew 6:33](#); [Ephesians 6:1-4](#); [II Timothy 3:16-17](#)).