

REAL Discipleship Ministries

Statement of Doctrine and Faith

Mission Statement:

Find the lost. Disciple the found. Mend the broken.

Scriptures

We believe that the bible, consisting of 66 books(old and new testaments), is the infallible word of God, without error in its original manuscript. We teach that these writings are the supreme and final authority for faith and life.

2 Timothy 3:16-17; Hebrews 4:12

Godhead

We believe that there is one living and true God, an infinite all knowing Spirit, existing in 3 persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We teach that each of these three has precisely the same nature, attributes and perfections and each is equally deserving of worship and obedience.

Mark 1:9-11; John 10:30

Virgin Birth

We believe in the virgin birth of Jesus Christ.

Matthew 1:18,20

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Resurrection, Salvation and Sanctification

We believe in the physical resurrection of Jesus Christ, which assures the resurrection of all believers who have accepted God's eternal gift of life.

We are all sinners who need a savior. We teach that salvation is wholly of God by grace on the basis of the redemption of Jesus Christ, the merit of His shed blood, and not on the basis of human merit or works. All who receive Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior are regenerated by the Holy Spirit and become the children of God, and their salvation will be manifested by a changed life.

Romans 15:3-4; 1 Timothy 1:15; Romans 10:13; Ephesians 2:8-9

Statement on Sexuality

We believe that God wonderfully and immutably creates each person as either male or female, and that these two distinct, complementary sexes together reflect the image and nature of God (**Gen. 1:26-27**). Rejection of one's biological sex is a rejection of the image of God within that person.

Statement on Marriage

We believe that the term "marriage" has only one meaning: the uniting of one man and one woman in a single, exclusive union, as delineated in Scripture (**Gen. 2:18-25**). We believe that God intends sexual intimacy to occur only between a man and a woman who are married to each other (**1 Cor. 6:18; 7:2-5; Heb. 13:4**). We believe that God has commanded that no intimate sexual activity be engaged in outside of a marriage between a man and a woman.

We believe that any form of sexual immorality (including adultery, fornication, cohabitation, homosexual behavior, or use of pornography) is sinful and offensive to God (**Matt. 15:18-20; 1 Cor. 6:9-10**).

We believe that God offers redemption and restoration to all who confess and forsake their sin, seeking His mercy and forgiveness through Jesus Christ (**Acts 3:19-21; Rom 10:9-10; 1 Cor 6:9-11**).

We believe that every person must be afforded compassion, love, kindness, respect, and dignity (Mark 12:28-31; Luke 6:31). Hateful and harassing behavior or attitudes directed toward any individual are to be repudiated and are not in accord with Scripture nor the doctrines of REAL Discipleship Ministries.

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Statement on the Sanctity of Human Life

We believe that all human life is sacred and created by God in His image. Human life is of inestimable worth in all its dimensions, including pre-born babies, the aged, the physically or mentally challenged, and every other stage or condition from conception through natural death. We are therefore called to defend, protect, and value all human life. (**Ps. 139.**)

Statement of Final Authority

Final Authority for Matters of Belief and Conduct

The statement of faith does not exhaust the extent of our beliefs. The Bible itself, as the inspired and infallible Word of God that speaks with final authority concerning truth, morality, and the proper conduct of mankind, is the sole and final source of all that we believe. For purposes of REAL Discipleship Ministries' faith, doctrine, practice, policy, and discipline, executive members and our board of directors are REAL Discipleship Ministries' final interpretive authority on the Bible's application.

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