

# **LIFESONG MINISTRIES STATEMENT OF FAITH\***

LifeSong Ministries was founded and functions upon the fundamental principles of the Word of God, and espouses the historic Christian view of life as presented in the bible. The following beliefs are held and practiced by LifeSong Ministries:

1. We believe and teach the Bible to be the inspired and the only infallible, authoritative, inerrant Word of God. (II Timothy 3:16; II Peter 1:21)
2. We believe and teach that there is one God, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. (Genesis 1:1; Matthew 28:19; John 10:30, 37, 38)
3. We believe in and teach the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ (John 10:33)
  - *In His virgin birth (Isaiah 7:14; Matthew 1:23; Luke 1:35)*
  - *In His sinless life (Hebrews 4:15, 7:26, 9:12)*
  - *In His miracles (John 2:11)*
  - *In His vicarious and atoning death through His shed blood (1 Corinthians 15:3; Ephesians 1:7; Colossians 1:14; Hebrews 2:9)*
  - *In His bodily resurrection (John 11:25; 1 Corinthians 15:4)*
  - *In His ascension to the right hand of the Father (Mark 16:19)*
  - *In His personal return in power and glory. (Acts 1:11)*
4. We believe and teach that man is sinful by nature and that regeneration by the Holy Spirit is essential and an absolute necessity for his salvation. (Romans 3:10, 23; John 3:16-19, 5:24; Ephesians 2:8-10; Titus 3:5, 6)
5. We believe in and teach the continuing ministry of the Holy Spirit, by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a godly life. (Ephesians 4:30, 5:18; I Corinthians 3:16, 6:19-20)
6. We believe and teach the resurrection of both the saved and the lost; they who are saved unto eternal life and they who are lost unto eternal damnation. (John 5:28, 29)
7. We believe in and teach the spiritual unity of believers in our Lord Jesus Christ. (Romans 8:9; I Corinthians 12:12-13; Galatians 3:26-28)
8. We believe and teach the creation of man to be a direct act of God. (Genesis 1:26-28)
9. We believe and teach that God established marriage as a lifelong relationship between a man and a woman (Genesis 2:23-25; Matthew 19:6), for the purposes of fellowship, mutual aid (Genesis 2:18), reproduction (Genesis 1:28), and intimacy (1 Corinthians 7:2-5). The marriage relationship between a man and a woman is to reflect the spiritual relationship that exists between Christ and His Church (Ephesians 5:22-32). We believe marriage between a man and a woman is the most intimate of human relationships; that it is holy, a gift from God, and a sacred institution

10. We believe in and teach God's design for human sexuality; that God created two recognizable and affirmable genders (Genesis 1:27, Genesis 5:2) and that each person is uniquely and intentionally formed by his or her Creator (Psalm 139:13-14, Isaiah 44:24, Jeremiah 1:5). Sexuality is to be expressed and acted upon with mutual consent in the confines of a marriage relationship between one man and one woman (Mark 10:6-9, Hebrews 13:4, Corinthians 6:16-20, 1 Corinthians 7:2-5). Sexual identity and behavior that conflicts with this design is sinful and destructive for the individual, but not beyond the redeeming power of Christ (Leviticus 18:22, 1 Timothy 1:8-11, 1 Corinthians 6:9-11).
11. We believe in, teach, and practice the ordinance of water baptism (Matthew 28:19), communion (Luke 22:19-20), and foot washing (John 13:14-17). While frequency and method may vary with any of these ordinances, our intention in all of them is to follow and model the example set forth in scripture by Jesus Christ. (Matthew 3:13-15; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25). We believe that all of these ordinances, while ordinary in appearance, serve as testaments and reminders of greater spiritual works. We further believe that water baptism should only take place and communion only be received subsequent to an individual's profession of faith in Christ as savior. (Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; 1 Corinthians 11:23-29).