

Key Ministry Statement of Faith Essentials

Essential Beliefs

Key Ministry promotes meaningful connections between churches and families of kids with disabilities. We assist families affected by disability in finding a local church who will welcome them, and we equip churches to meet their needs. This statement of faith essentials encompasses the core biblical principles that guide the board and staff of Key Ministry.

We are committed to excellence in communicating the truths of Scripture and the person of Jesus Christ as He is presented to us in the Bible. We understand there is freedom of interpretation and expression among believers from different denominations. However, that freedom exists under the limits of biblical truth in all areas to which Scripture speaks. At Key Ministry we believe the following essential doctrines are absolute and non-negotiable, based not on human opinion but rather on principles found in the Bible. For that reason, related Scripture passages for each section are provided.

THE BIBLE - We affirm our confidence in God's Word, the Bible (the 66 books of the Old and New Testaments). We believe the Bible is inspired by the Holy Spirit and written centuries ago by chosen men of God. The Bible is without error in its original manuscripts/documents and is completely reliable as the final authority in all matters of doctrine and practice on which it speaks. We treasure its truths, and we accept its corrections for faith and practice. (See 1 Thessalonians 2:13, 2 Timothy 3:15–17, and 2 Peter 1:20–21.)

On this sure foundation we affirm these essentials:

GOD - We believe in one God, the sovereign creator and sustainer of all things, infinitely perfect and eternally existing in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

- **God the Father** - We acknowledge God as our heavenly Father who created all things and who is intimately acquainted with us because He made us and takes care of us. (See Psalm 103:19; Matthew 28:19; and 1 Peter 1:2.)
- **The Lord Jesus Christ** - Jesus Christ is God who exists eternally. He became a man through His miraculous conception by the Holy Spirit and His virgin birth. He who is fully God became man so He could be the Savior of the world. He died on the cross, a sacrifice to provide complete payment for our sins. He resurrected from the dead and went back to heaven until the day He returns to take all true followers of Jesus Christ to live eternally in heaven with Him, His Father, and the Spirit. He is the King of kings and Lord of lords. (See John 1:1–3, 14; Philippians 2:5–8; Hebrews 1:1–3; and 1 John 5:11–12.)
- **The Holy Spirit** - The Holy Spirit is the third member of the Trinity whose work is to be ever-present for the believer to convict, convince, and comfort and to give new life and the power to live life as God intends us to live. (See John 14:26; Acts 1:5, 8; 1 Corinthians 6:19–20; and Ephesians 1:13–14.)

The Human Problem and Solution – Every man, woman, and child who has ever or will ever live is born a sinner. So, we are left with no hope of heaven or eternal life apart from what Jesus did for us. We cannot ever hope to measure up to God's standard of goodness (holiness). We all face eternal separation from God. The only hope is that Jesus came, lived a perfect life, died, and came back to life to provide forgiveness for anyone who chooses to follow Him. Salvation is a free gift from God that can be received by faith in Jesus Christ. We are both unable and unwilling to please God and are blind to God's truth until God changes our hearts because of what Jesus did for us. Because we cannot save ourselves, God acts to save those who come to Him by grace through faith. This is simple faith that believes the good news that Jesus died and rose from the dead to completely pay the price God demands for the disobedience of sin.

(See Genesis 3; Jeremiah 17:9; and Romans 3:10–18, 23; 5:12 and John 3:16; Romans 10:9–10; 1 Corinthians 15:1–5; and Ephesians 1:4–12; 2:8–9.)

The Family of God – All who faithfully follow Jesus Christ are in the family of God. Believers are called to faithful membership in a visible, local congregation for the purpose of mutual encouragement and spiritual growth. (See Acts 2:41–47; Philippians 2:1–4; and Hebrews 10:24–25.)