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## **Statement of Core Beliefs – Yavapai Christian Fellowship Connection**

*The following Statement of Beliefs represents the core doctrinal commitments of YCFC leadership and Christian Believers associated formally with our ministry.*

### **GOD**

God is the creator and ruler of the universe. He has eternally existed in three persons – the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. These three are co-equal and are one God.

### **JESUS CHRIST**

Jesus Christ is the Son of God. He is co-equal with the Father. Jesus lived a sinless human life and offered Himself as the perfect propitiatory sacrifice for the sins of all people by dying on a cross. He arose from the dead on the third day in demonstration of His power over sin and death and of God's full satisfaction in the work He accomplished for man's redemption. He ascended to heaven and will return again to earth to reign as King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

### **THE HOLY SPIRIT**

The Holy Spirit is equal with the Father and the Son as God. He convicts and converts the sinner and is present in the world to make everyone aware of his or her need for Jesus Christ. The Holy Spirit also lives in every Christian from the moment of salvation. He provides the Christian with power for living, understanding of spiritual truth, and guidance in doing what is right.

### **MANKIND**

Men and women are made in the spiritual image of God, to be like him in character. They are the supreme object of God's creation. Although Man has tremendous potential for good, Man is marred by an attitude of lawlessness and the practice of disobedience toward God called "sin." This attitude and practice separates Mankind from God, bringing Man under the wrath of God.

### **THE BIBLE**

The Bible alone is God's written word to all people. It was written by human authors, under the supernatural guidance of the Holy Spirit. It is complete, and the supreme source of truth for Christian beliefs and living. Because it is inspired by God, it is truth without any mixture of error.

### **SALVATION**

Salvation is a gift from God to us. We can never make up or atone for our sin by self-improvement or good works – only by trusting in Jesus Christ as God's offer of forgiveness can we be saved from sin's penalty. Eternal life is possessed by all who receive Jesus Christ into his or her life by faith.

### **DESTINY**

Men and women were created to exist forever. We will either exist eternally separated from God by sin or in union with God through forgiveness and salvation. At death, the redeemed pass into the presence of Christ and there remain in joyful fellowship until their bodily resurrection unto life. The unsaved at death are kept under judgment until their bodily resurrection resulting in eternal damnation.