

Belief Statement: Peninsula Hope Church - Redwood City, CA

About the Bible

We believe the Bible is the inspired and perfect Word of God. The Bible, both the Old and New Testaments, is His perfect Word and is the authority for all faith and life. (John 17:17; 2 Tim. 3:16-17; 2 Pet. 1:20-21)

About God

We believe there is one true and living God who exists eternally as three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. (Gen. 1:26; Deut. 6:4-5; Matt. 28:19-20; John 1:14; 2 Cor. 13:14; Col. 1:15-20; Heb. 1:1-3; Rev. 1:4-6)

About the Father

We believe that God the Father is the creator and sustainer of all things, deserving of human worship and obedience. (Gen. 1:31, 22:17-18; Psa. 115:3; 121:1-2; Dan. 4:34-35; Luke 11:28; Rom. 9:14-16, 12:1-2)

About Jesus

We believe that Jesus Christ became man without ceasing to be God, having been conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin. His purpose was to reveal God and redeem sinful man. We believe that Jesus accomplished our redemption through His sinless life and death on the cross. We believe that our redemption is made sure by His resurrection from the dead. We gratefully acknowledge that He is our Savior, the one perfect mediator between God and us. (John 3:16-18, 6:35-40, 10:27-30; Rom. 8:32-39; 1 Pet. 1:3-9; 1 John 5:11-12)

About the Holy Spirit

We believe that the Holy Spirit indwells those who believe, empowering them for Christ-like living and service. He is at work for God's glory in our convictions, regeneration and sanctification. (John 14:15-21, 26; 15:26-27, 16:7-15; Eph. 1:13-14; Col. 3:16)

About Man

We believe that man, both male and female, were created in the image and likeness of God. However, the human race in rebellion fell into sin. This resulted in man's separation from God. Man has been given the opportunity to be restored to a loving relationship with God through the work of Jesus Christ and the ministry of the Holy Spirit. (Gen. 1:26-28, 2:21-23, 3:1-24; John 3:16-18, 10:27-30; Rom. 3:22-26, 5:12, 8:38-39; 2 Tim. 2:11-13)

About Salvation

We believe that anyone who accepts Jesus Christ alone as their Lord and Savior will have their sins forgiven and receive eternal life. This is possible because of God's gracious love for man, which prompted Him to send Jesus to die for the

sins of the world. Salvation is a free gift of God and cannot be obtained through any human effort. While good works do nothing to obtain salvation, they are an evidence of it. (John 1:12-13, 3:16-18; Rom. 8:38-39; Eph. 2:4-10; Col. 1:21-23; 2 Cor. 5:17-21; 1 John 1:9)

About the Church

We believe that Jesus Christ is the head of the universal church and all those who have experienced salvation through Jesus Christ are adopted into his family, the church. The local church is a gathering of believers, unified and diverse, who work together to encourage one another, worship and serve together.

(Matt. 28:19-20; 1 Cor. 12:12-27; Eph. 2:19-22; Col. 1:18, 24; 1 Thess. 4:1-9, 18)

About the Ordinances

We believe that Jesus directed believers to practice the ordinances of baptism and communion. Water baptism is an outward sign of what the Holy Spirit has performed in the heart of the believer. Communion, also known as The Lord's Supper, is observed as a memorial of Jesus Christ's sacrifice in securing our redemption. (Matt. 26:26-29, 28:19-20; Acts 10:47-48; 1 Cor. 11:23-34)

About Eternity

We believe in the bodily resurrection of all people, believers to the state of eternal life and those who do not believe to the state of eternal punishment.

(Matt. 24:30-25:46; Rom. 8:18-25; 2 Cor. 5:6-10, 11 Thess. 4:14-17)

For ministry accountability and missional alignment, we are affiliated with the Free Methodist Church. A more thorough explanation of our doctrine can be reviewed at: <http://fmcusa.org/uniquelyfm/doctrine/>