

# **The Rock Church Brockton's Statement of Faith**

## **Scriptures:**

We believe that "all Scripture is given by inspiration of God," by which we understand the whole Bible is inspired in the sense that holy men of God "were moved by the Holy Spirit" to write the very words of Scripture.

We believe that while there was progress in revelation from God, this divine inspiration extends equally and fully to all parts of the writings; historical, poetical, doctrinal, prophetic and to the smallest word and inflection of a word as appeared in the original manuscripts.

We believe that the whole Bible in the originals is therefore without error. We believe that all Scriptures center about the Lord Jesus Christ in His person and work in His first and second coming, and hence that no portion, even of the Old Testament, is properly read or understood until it leads to Him.

We believe the Holy Scriptures unequivocally prove that Jehovah (Yahweh) God of the Old Testament is the Lord Jesus Christ of the New Testament. The scriptural evidence of the unity of Jehovah God and the Lord Jesus Christ simply proves and identifies "oneness."

We also believe that all the Scriptures were designed for our practical instruction (Matthew 5:18; Mark 12:26, 36; 13:11; Luke 24:27, 44; John 5:39; Acts 1:16; 17:23; 18:28; 26:22-23; 28:23; Romans 15:4; 1 Corinthians 2:13; 10:11; 2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:20-21)

## **Godhead:**

We believe that God is a spirit and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth (John 4:24).

We believe in the one omnipotent, omniscient, omnipresent, indivisible, inseparable, eternal God, who is one in nature, essence, person and being, who has revealed and manifested himself as the God the Father in Creation, the Son of God in Redemption and the Holy Spirit of God in regeneration the church.

We believe the eternal godhead eternally exists fully and only in the person of Jesus Christ bodily. Therefore, Jesus, the Son of God in His humanity was fully man; and Jesus, the Son of God in His divinity was, and is, fully God.

The Son of God (humanity) was the lamb, or sacrifice of God and He is the only mediator between God and man. However, His manifestation in human form was purposely and solely for the redemption of fallen man. Once the last man has been redeemed and the last enemy "death" is destroyed, "then shall the Son (divinity) also Himself be subject unto Him that put all things under Him, that God may be all in all." (Matthew 28:18-19; Mark 12:29; John 1:1, 11, 14; Acts 5:34; 1 Corinthians 13:12, 15:24-28; 2 Corinthians 5:19; Colossians 1:19; 2:9; 1 Timothy 2:5; 3:16; Hebrew 1:13; Revelation 1:48).

**Water Baptism:**

We believe that all who, through repentance and faith, believe in the death burial and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, are commanded to be baptized (immersed) in water in the name, Lord Jesus Christ (Matthew 1:21; 28:19; Luke 24:44-49; John 5:43; 14:26; Acts 2:38, 4:12, 8:16, 10:48, 19:5; 1 Corinthians 1:13; Colossians 2:9-10).

**Spirit Baptism:**

We believe that salvation or regeneration includes water and spirit baptism, and is both an instantaneous event and a progressive experience. All who receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit are identified by the **initial** sign of speaking with other tongues as the Spirit of God gives utterance. One has neither the nature nor power to live for Christ free from sin, without this experience (Isaiah 28:9-11; Joel 2:28; Matthew 3:11, John 3:3-8, 7:37-38, 14:16-17; Acts 1:4-8; 2:4, 33, 10:46, 15:7-9, 19:6, Titus 3:5-7; 1 John 3:24).

**Sanctification and Holiness**

We believe that we are called with a holy calling to be sanctified and walk not after the flesh but after the Spirit, and so to live in the power of the indwelling Spirit that we will not fulfill the lusts of the flesh. But the flesh with its fallen, Adamic nature, which in this life is never eradicated, being with us to the end of our earthly pilgrimage, needs to be kept by the Spirit constantly in subjection to Christ, or it will surely manifest its presence in our lives to the dishonor of our Lord (John 17:17; Romans 6:11-13, 8:2, 4, 12:13, 12:1-2; 1 Corinthians 6:11-20; 2 Corinthians 7:1; Galatians 5:16-23; Ephesians 4:22-24; Philippians 1:6; Col. 3:11; 1 Thessalonians 4: 1-4, 5:23; Titus 2:11-12; Hebrews 12:14; 1 Peter 1:14-16, 2:21-23, 3:11; 1 John 1:47; 3:29).