

CORE VALUES of Canyon Bible Church

A High View of God - We value God far above everything, for He is the most worthy and valuable being that exists. It is imperative to see Him as He really is, the Creator of everything and paragon of all virtue, the Almighty God. It is our utmost desire to glorify God by pursuing a high view of God. To know God and to love Him is the all-consuming passion of our lives. The continual proclamation of His character and nature is a fundamental element in our worship. This is worship, to ascribe worth to God and to see, comprehend, experience, and exalt the glory of God.

A High View of Scripture - We value the special revelation of God He has given us in His written Word, the Bible. Since the Holy Scriptures are in fact all sufficient, infallible, and inerrant, we seek always to have a high view of Scripture. The Scriptures contain all that we need for life, faith, and godly living because they are true and divine revelation of God Himself. We therefore seek always to understand the Bible better and teach the Bible very clearly. Clear and expository Bible teaching is a fundamental element in our worship.

The Cross - We value the *cross of Jesus Christ*. Christ's atoning sacrifice is the most important event in the history of creation. The cross was the fulfillment of Christ's work as our High Priest and the full payment for the redemption of mankind from his sins. In the cross we have the complete work of justification, which is available to us by grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone. The cross is central to the attitude of Christian living and the supreme example of God's love to mankind. If there ever was an act of divine wonder to worship and glory in, it is the cross of Jesus Christ!

Spiritual Transformation - We value personal holiness. Becoming like Christ is chief among our pursuits. Spiritual transformation is something we continually strive for so that we take on the character and likeness of Christ in our thoughts, words, and deeds. True saving faith in Christ brings about an obedience to God's commandments which powerfully changes our lives. Bearing the fruit of the Spirit in our daily lives is our humble desire. This is the ministry of the Holy Spirit in sanctification, and our cooperation with Him is at the forefront of our worship. Humility and forbearing love are values of importance in our relation to God and to one another.

Discipleship - We value the ministry of discipleship within the body of Christ. This is the biblical method and divine example of true spiritual ministry within the church. The principles of fellowship, teaching, spiritual authority and accountability are vital to the spiritual growth of Christians. Through the mutual encouragement of discipleship and the expression of each of our own personal spiritual gifts, we seek to be effective and productive ministers of the gospel. This is a vital part of the Christian life for all who seek to obey Christ.

Spiritual Reproduction – Sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ with others in the hope that they will come to Him in saving faith is our calling. To share the salvation found in Jesus Christ alone with a lost and dying world is our duty and pleasure. That others may be reconciled to God through the atoning perfect sacrifice of Jesus, indwelt with the Holy Spirit and their lives experience the joy, peace, grace, mercy and love of a holy God is our desire and calling.

Mark 12:30 & 31a, ...*"And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength...you shall love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these."* (NASB)

Five Solas

Sola Scriptura – The Scripture Alone is the Standard

II Timothy 3:14 You, however, continue in the things you have learned and become convinced of, knowing from whom you have learned *them*, **15** and that from childhood you have known the sacred writings which are able to give you the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. **16** All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; **17** so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work

Soli Deo Gloria – For the Glory of God Alone

1 Peter 4:11 Whoever speaks, *is to do so* as one who is speaking the utterances of God; whoever serves *is to do so* as one who is serving by the strength which God supplies; so that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belongs the glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Solo Christo – By Christ's Work Alone are We Saved

Colossians 1:13 For He rescued us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, **14** in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. **15** He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. **16** For by Him all things were created, *both* in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things have been created through Him and for Him.

Sola Gratia – Salvation by Grace Alone

Ephesians 1:3 Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly *places* in Christ, **4** just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we would be holy and blameless before Him. In love **5** He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will, **6** to the praise of the glory of His grace, which He freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. **7** In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace **8** which He lavished on us. In all wisdom and insight.

Sola Fide – Justification by Faith Alone

Galatians 3:6 Even so Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness. **7** Therefore, be sure that it is those who are of faith who are sons of Abraham. **8** The Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel beforehand to Abraham, *saying*, "All the nations will be blessed in you." **9** So then those who are of faith are blessed with Abraham, the believer. **10** For as many as are of the works of the Law are under a curse; for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who does not abide by all things written in the book of the law, to perform them." **11** Now that no one is justified by the Law before God is evident; for, "The righteous man shall live by faith."