



Bayview Beliefs

A. The Word of God.

We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the inspired Word of God, inerrant in the original writings, complete as the revelation of God's will for salvation, and the supreme and final authority in all matters to which they speak. (Luke 24:27, 44; John 5:39; Acts 17:2-3; Rom. 15:4; 1 Cor. 2:13; 10:11; 2 Tim. 3:16-17)

B. The Trinity.

We believe in one God, Creator and Sustainer of all things, eternally existing in three persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; that these are equal in every divine perfection and that they execute distinct but harmonious offices in the work of creation, providence, and redemption. (Gen. 1:1-3, 26; Matt. 3:16,17; John 14:26; 2 Cor. 13:13; Gal. 4:4-6)

C. God the Father.

We believe in God the Father, an infinite, personal Spirit, perfect in holiness, wisdom, power, and love. We believe He concerns Himself mercifully in the affairs of men, that He hears and answers prayer, and that He saves from sin and death all who come to Him through Jesus Christ. (Matt. 28:18-19; Mark 12:29; John 1:14; Acts 5:3-4; 2 Cor. 13-14; Heb. 1:1-3; Rev. 1:4-6)

D. Jesus Christ.

We believe that Jesus Christ is God's eternal Son, and has precisely the same nature, attributes and perfections as God the Father and God the Holy Spirit. We believe further that He is not only true God, but true man, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. We also believe in His sinless life, His substitutionary atonement, His bodily resurrection from the dead, His ascension into heaven, His priestly intercession on behalf of His people, and His personal, visible, pre-millennial return from heaven. (Luke 1:30-35; 2:40; John 1:1-2, 1:18; 3:16; Phil. 2:5-8; Heb. 4:15)

E. Holy Spirit.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, His personality, and His work in regeneration, sanctification, and preservation. His ministry is to glorify the Lord Jesus Christ, and implement Christ's work of redeeming the lost and empowering the believer for godly living and service. (John 16:7-13; 14:16-17; Acts 1:8; 1 Cor. 2:2-12; 3:16; 2 Cor. 3:17; Gal. 5:25; Eph. 1:13; 5:18)

F. Man.

We believe God created man, male and female, in the image of God and free from sin. We further believe man is a sinner by nature and choice and is therefore spiritually dead. We also



believe that those who repent of sin and trust Jesus Christ as Savior are regenerated by the Holy Spirit. (Gen. 1:26; 2:17; 6:5; Ps. 14:1-3; 51:5; Jer. 17:9; John 3:16; 5:40; 6:35; Romans 3:10-19; 8:6-7; Eph. 2:1-3; 1 Tim. 5-6; 1 John 3:8)

G. Marriage.

We believe that God has established marriage as a lifelong, exclusive relationship between one man and one woman and that all intimate sexual activity outside the marriage relationship, whether heterosexual, homosexual, or otherwise, is immoral and therefore sin. (Gen. 2:24-25; Ex. 20:14, 17, 22:19; Lev. 18:22-23, 20:13,15-16; Matt. 19:4-6; 9, Rom 1:18-31; 1 Cor. 6:9-10, 15-20; I Tim. 1:8-11; Jude 7). We believe that God created the human race male and female and that all conduct with the intent to adopt a gender other than one's birth gender is immoral and therefore sin. (Gen 1:27; Deut 22:5).

H. Salvation.

We believe in salvation by grace through faith in Jesus Christ. We further believe that this salvation is based upon the sovereign grace of God, and was purchased by Christ on the cross, and is received by man through faith, apart from any human merit, works, or rituals. We further believe salvation results in righteous living, good works, and proper social concern. (Romans 6:23; Eph. 2:8,9; John 1:12; 10:29,30; 14:16; Titus 3:5; 1 John 3:8)

I. The Church.

We believe that the Church is the spiritual body of which Christ is the head. We believe that the true Church is composed of all persons who through saving faith in Jesus Christ have been regenerated by the Holy Spirit. We believe that this body expresses itself in local assemblies whose members have been baptized upon credible confession of faith and have associated themselves for worship, for instruction, for evangelism, and for service. We believe the ordinances of the local church are believer's baptism by immersion and the Lord's Supper. We also believe in the interdependence of local churches and the mutual submission of believers to each other in love. (Matt. 16:18; 1 Cor. 12:13, 27,28; Eph. 1:22, 23; Eph. 4:12)

J. Separation of Church and State.

We believe that each local church is self governing in function, and must be free from interference by any ecclesiastical or political authority. We further believe that every human being is directly responsible to God in matters of faith and life, and that each should be free to worship God according to the dictates of his conscience. (Isa. 9:6,7; Matt. 22:18-21; Acts 5:29; Rom. 13:1-17)

K. Christian Conduct.

We believe that the supreme task of every believer is to glorify God in his life; that his conduct should be blameless before the world; that he should be a faithful steward of his possessions;



and that he should seek to realize for himself the full stature of maturity in Christ. (1 Thess. 2:10; 2 Thess. 3:7; 1 Tim. 3:2; Titus 2:7)

L. Last Things.

We believe in the bodily resurrection of the saved and lost, the eternal existence of all men either in heaven or hell, in divine judgments, rewards, and punishments. (Luke 12:33,34; John 6:39,40; John 12:48-50; Phil. 1:23; Heb. 12:22-23)

Bayview Core Values

A. Christ.

At Bayview, we desire to spread a passion of the glories of Christ in the gospel. It is easy to think that the gospel is just about becoming a Christian when the gospel is really about being a Christian. Many people think that ministering to others takes some kind of crazy biblical knowledge that normal Christians don't have access to. The truth is that the gospel is the beginning, middle, and end of all ministry. The power and centrality of the gospel is what makes every believer able to contribute powerfully to the lives of others.

B. Community.

When we become a believer in Christ God places us into a new community – His church. This puts you (as an individual) into His community. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostle and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit. Ephesians 2:19–22 We value deeper relationships as the place where gospel growth happens. We believe that discipleship happens best in deeper relationships, in smaller groups within the context of community. We also value small group life in the church as a better place for deeper relationships to grow. This drives the shape of our ministries. To be a disciple you must walk with other disciples in life where we speak into one another's lives

C. Culture.

At Bayview, we think of all our members as missionaries. If you are living here for any period of time, then God has called you to live out your faith physically in the community of Guam, and to take into consideration its strategic placement in the Asian-Pacific region of the world. We value the engagement of culture because God values people from every territory, language,



nation, and ethnicity. Missionaries do not live in isolation of the culture they are sent to. They live in it, serve it, try to understand it—all with the intention of bringing the gospel to it. It is our belief that the multi-ethnic island of Guam is strategic to God's mission to glorify himself and we desire to be a part of it (see, Matthew 28 and Jeremiah 29). We also value living with and serving the people of Guam. As believers, we are not to live in Guam with an attitude that uses Guam for our own advantages. We truly believe that we are here to seek the good of all peoples for the glory of Christ.