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### **Foundational Beliefs**

R.S.M. is part of the Evangelical churches in reaching our community for Christ. To keep the edification of our ministry and to stop any confusion or division between staff, volunteer, and resident, we have adopted our own standard Biblical core values. We humbly ask that anyone associated with R.S.M. refrain from debatable doctrine. If such occasion occurs that denominational doctrine crosses with the faith-based recovery curriculum of our ministry, staff or volunteer is required to teach as R.S.M. Biblical core values or keep silent on the issue until instructed by the President or Program Director of the ministry. We respect all denominations and do not force doctrine on anyone, resident, volunteer, or staff. However, to answer God's calling to reaching those addicted, staff and volunteers are required to work under the umbrella in what we believe, no more no less. All members of Recovery Soldiers Ministries are required to read our Biblical core values and Scripture references thoroughly so one doesn't cause offence. What church a staff member, student, or volunteer attend or what denominational belief does not affect the relationship of him or her with the ministry. As long as the love of Jesus Christ is shown through them, they are welcome.

### **God**

We believe in one God who eternally exists in three distinct persons (The Trinity): the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. These three are co-equal and are one God. God the Father is the Creator and Ruler of the Universe. We believe that He is limitless in power, knowledge, wisdom, love, and holiness. We also believe that He has revealed himself as the Father of the redeemed. Genesis 1:26-27; Psalms 90:2, 97; Matthew 28:19; 1 Peter 1:2; 2 Corinthians 13:14, 2 Corinthians 1:21-22

## **Jesus Christ**

We believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. He is the second person of the Trinity and is co-equal with the Father. Jesus was born of a virgin, lived a sinless human life and offered himself as the perfect sacrifice for the sins of all men by dying on a cross. He rose from the dead after three days to demonstrate His power over sin and death. He ascended to Heaven's glory where He sits at the right hand of the Father. He will return to earth to reign as King of Kings, and Lord of Lords. Matthew 1:22,23; Isaiah 9:6; John 1:1-5, 14:10-30; Hebrews 4:14-15; 1 Corinthians 15:3-4; Romans 1:3-4; Acts 1:9-11; 1 Timothy 6:14-15; Titus 2:13

## **Holy Spirit**

He is present in the world to make men aware of their need for Jesus Christ. He also lives in every Christian from the moment of salvation. The Holy Spirit is co-equal with the Father and the Son of God. He provides the Christian with power for living, understanding of spiritual truth, and guidance in doing what is right. As Christians we seek to live under His control daily. 2 Corinthians 3:17; John 16:7-13, 14:16-17; Acts 1:8; 1 Corinthians 2:12, 3:16; Ephesians 1:13; Galatians 5:25

## **Bible**

The Bible is God's Word to all people. It was written by human authors, under the supernatural guidance of the Holy Spirit. It is the supreme source of truth for Christian beliefs and living. Because God inspires it, it is the truth without any mixture of error. 2 Timothy 1:13, 3:16; 2 Peter 1:20-21; Psalms 119:105, 160; Proverbs 30:5

## **Mankind**

R.S.M. does not have the ability to meet the needs of transgender. We believe that one's gender identity is determined by the gender of birth. R.S.M. is not co-educational. We do provide recovery to both men and women, however in separation by different facility locations.

We believe that man was created in the image of God to have fellowship with Him but became alienated from that relationship through sinful disobedience. As a result, man is totally incapable of coming back into a right relationship with God by his own effort. Genesis 1:27; Psalms 8:3-6; Isaiah 53:6a, 59:1-2; Romans 3:23; Ephesians 2:8

## **Salvation**

The Word of God declares clearly that salvation is a free gift from God, based on the merits of the death of His Son, and is appropriated by faith. Salvation comes only through Jesus Christ. Salvation is brought about through belief on the Lord Jesus (justification) with confession, repentance (to turn from your sin and intend to lead a new life in Christ through the Holy Spirit), and a personal acceptance of Him into one's life as Lord and Savior occurring with Baptism. The new life in Christ includes the privileges of adoption and an eternal inheritance in the Kingdom of God's Son. Salvation should produce an active lifestyle of loving obedience and service to

Jesus Christ our Savior. Romans 5:1, 6:23; Ephesians 2:8-9; John 1:12, 3:16-17, 14:6; Titus 3:5-7; Galatians 3:26; Hebrews 7:25, 10:10, 14, Acts 2:38

### **Eternity**

We believe that we were created by God to be eternal beings. We will either exist eternally with God through forgiveness and salvation or exist eternally separated from God by sin. To be eternally in union with Him is eternal life. To be eternally separated from God is to live in Hell. Heaven and Hell are real places of eternal existence. John 3:16; Romans 6:23; Revelation 20:15

### **Marriage**

We believe that God wonderfully and immutably creates each person as male or female. These two distinct, complementary genders together reflect the image and nature of God. Rejection of one's biological sex is a rejection of the image of God within that person. We believe that the term "marriage" has only one meaning: the uniting of one man and one woman in a single, exclusive union, as delineated in Scripture. We believe that God intends sexual intimacy to occur only between a man and a woman who are married to each other. We believe that God has commanded that no intimate sexual activity be engaged in outside of a marriage between a man and a woman. We believe that any form sexual immorality (including adultery, fornication, homosexual behavior, bisexual conduct, bestiality, incest, and use of pornography) is sinful and offensive to God. We believe that in order to preserve the function and integrity of RSM as the local Body of Christ, and to provide a biblical role model to the RSM staff, volunteers, residents, and the community, it is imperative that all persons employed by RSM in any capacity, or who serve as volunteers, or those enrolled in our recovery program agree to and abide by this Statement on Marriage, Gender, and Sexuality. We believe that every person must be afforded compassion, love, kindness, respect, and dignity. Hateful and harassing behavior or attitudes directed toward any individual are to be repudiated and are not in accord with Scripture nor the doctrines of The Source Church. Genesis 2:18-25; 1 Corinthians 6:18; 7:2-5; Hebrews 13:4; Matthew 15:18-20; 1 Corinthians 6:9-10; Matthew 5:16; Philippians 2:14-16; 1 Thessalonians 5:22; Mark 12:28-31; Luke 6:31;

### **Final Authority for Matters of Belief and Conduct**

The statement of faith does not exhaust the extent of our beliefs. The Bible itself, as the inspired and infallible Word of God that speaks with final authority concerning truth, morality, and the proper conduct of mankind, is the sole and final source of all that we believe. For purposes of RSM's faith, doctrine, practice, policy, and discipline, our Founder is RSM's final interpretive authority on the Bible's meaning and application.