

Ponderosa Statement of Faith

Ponderosa Student Ministries teaches the Bible as the true and accurate Word of God and the authority for faith and conduct. Please read our statement of faith below if you have any doubts about what we teach.



Ponderosa Student Ministries is conducted along non-denominational lines, and as such there are certain essential truths in which we believe. As Christians, we believe in the necessity of the New Birth as the work of God, the Holy Spirit, to be obtained only by receiving the Lord Jesus Christ as Savior, and that men are saved by grace through faith, not works.

We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament to be the verbally inspired (God-breathed) Word of God, the final authority for faith and life, inerrant in the original writings. (Matthew 5:18; John 16:12-13; 2 Timothy 3:16-17; 2 Peter 1:20-21)

We believe in the deity of the Lord Jesus Christ as fully God and fully man; as man, conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of a virgin; as God, co-equal and co-existent with God the Father and God the Holy Spirit. (Matthew 1:1 through 2:13; John 1:1-11; John 14:16; Philippians 2:5-11; Colossians 1:15)

We believe in Man's fallen condition. Through nature, choice, and practice he is guilty before God and is righteously judged fit only for everlasting punishment. (Genesis 3:1-13; Matthew 25:46; Romans 3:10 & 23; Romans 5:12-21; 1 Corinthians 15:21-22; 2 Thessalonians 1:7-10; Revelation 20:12-15)

We believe Jesus Christ offered on our behalf the only acceptable sacrifice for sin and was raised in the same body from the dead according to the Scriptures. Christ has secured our redemption through the shedding of His blood, qualifying the saints for service here, a like resurrection, and a place in His divine presence for eternity. (Matthew 28; Luke 24:39-43; Romans 3:21-28; Romans 5:10-11; 1 Corinthians 15:3-4; 1 Timothy 2:5-6; Hebrews 9:11-22; 1 Peter 1:18-20; 1 John 2:2; 1 John 5:10-13)

We believe that repentance, forgiveness, and becoming a new creature are several of the many experiences of the Christian who is kept by God's power. Being secure in Christ forever, and it is the privilege of believers to rejoice in the assurance of salvation. (John 6:37-40; John 10:27-30; Romans 8:1 & 8:38-39; 2 Corinthians 5:17; 1 John 5:11-13)

We believe that God, the Holy Spirit, is a person who convicts sinners, who regenerates and baptizes them at the moment of their salvation into the body of Christ. We also believe that the Holy Spirit indwells and seals, until Christ returns, all who believe. We believe He fills and empowers for service those who are yielded to Him. (John 16:8-11; Romans 8:9; 1 Corinthians 6:19-20 & 12:12-14; Galatians 5:15; Ephesians 1:13-14 & 4:30 & 5:18; Titus 3:5)

We believe in the visible, personal, and imminent return of the Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, for His Church. (John 14:3; Acts 1:9--11; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Revelation 20:12-15)

We believe in the bodily resurrection of the saved and of the lost: the everlasting blessedness of the saved, and the everlasting punishment of the lost. (John 11:23-27; Romans 8:11; 2 Corinthians 5:1; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Revelation 20:12-15)

We believe that Christ made provision for all the effects of sin in the atonement; and that God heals in answer to believing prayer according to His sovereign discretion. Healing may not be claimed on the same unconditional basis as salvation. The final deliverance from sickness awaits the believer in glory. (1 Corinthians 15:51-57; 2 Corinthians 12:7-9; Philippians 3:20-21; 1John 3:2)

We believe that the primary purpose for spiritual gifts, as given by the Holy Spirit, is for the edifying of the Church and the propagation of the Gospel of Christ. We believe that tongues, miracles, and the raising of the dead, as evidence in Apostolic times, were to authenticate the giving of new revelation, primarily to the Jewish nation at that time. (1 Corinthians 12:28-31 & 13:8-10; Ephesians 2:20 & 4:7-12; Hebrews 2:3-4)

Ponderosa Student Ministries is an interdenominational Christian organization. Because we are not owned or operated by any particular church or denomination, we are able to work together with the churches of our community in a mutually beneficial way. Ponderosa Student Ministries is considered a parachurch organization. Parachurch organizations are Christian faith-based organizations that work across denominations to engage in social welfare and evangelism. Although not owned or operated by a particular church, we are distinctly and unashamedly Christian, and operate in accordance with our statement of faith found on this site.