



Charis Counseling Centers
Christ-Centered Counseling for Massachusetts and Rhode Island

Statement of Faith

1. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament to be the inspired and only infallible and authoritative Word of God. We therefore believe that all psychological principles should be thoroughly evaluated and tested through the grid of Scriptures and that God's Word always holds final authority.
2. We believe there is one God, eternally existing in three persons: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.
3. We believe in the Deity of our Lord Jesus Christ and in His complete and perfect humanity. We believe in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious and atoning death through His shed blood, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and in His personal future return to this earth in power and glory to rule over the nations.
4. We believe that man was created good and upright in the image of God, but man voluntarily sinned and thereby incurred both physical and spiritual death, which is separation from God.
5. We believe that regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential to salvation, and His indwelling presence necessary for the living of godly Christian life; and that it is only by grace, through faith in the precious blood of Christ, that man can be saved from sin and its evil.
6. We believe in the Holy Spirit as a person, separate and distinct from and coequal in the triune Godhead with the Father and the Son. He is sent to dwell within the heart of each child of God, to comfort, to teach, to empower, and to lead into all truth.
7. We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost; they that are saved unto the resurrection of life and those that are lost unto the resurrection of damnation, which is the second death.
8. We believe that the church is the Body of Christ. Each believer, born of the Spirit is part of the "General Assembly and the Church First Born, which are written in Heaven

9. We believe in the sanctity of all human life, and therefore do not promote or support the practice of abortion. We also believe in the necessity to be sensitive and nonjudgmental toward those who are struggling with the issues surrounding abortion and to promote healing in their lives.

10. We believe that the teaching of God's Word precludes the practice of homosexuality. We believe, however, that the underlying causes for homosexuality can be dealt with through sensitive and informed counseling and that healing can occur through the power of God's Word and Holy Spirit.

11. We believe in the sanctity of marriage. Therefore, we believe that we are called to do all we can to preserve the marriages of those we counsel and, that in the cases of those who are divorced, to do all we can to bring healing and wholeness back into their lives.