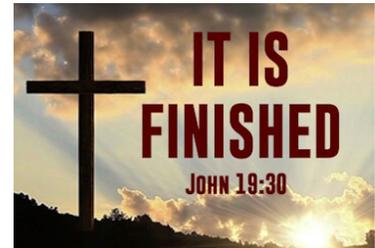


Vistoso Community Church Core Values

Christ is the only Lord and Savior. (Acts 2:36) There is no other way mankind can be redeemed from its lost and hopeless estate than through faith in the person and work of Jesus Christ. We worship Jesus Christ because worship is fitting for the “King of kings and Lord of lords” who has called us into a family relationship and a life set apart to him.

Salvation is solely through Christ, gifted to us by faith in who He is and what He has done. (John 20:31, Ephesians 2:8-9) The

Scriptures make plain, eternal salvation from hell to heaven is unearned on the part of mankind! It is a gift from God to anyone and everyone who will believe in who Jesus is and what He has done; specifically, that He is the eternally existent second person of the Trinity who bore the sins of mankind while on the cross, receiving unto Himself the wrath of God in order to satisfy the requirements of God’s justice and righteousness.



No work or accomplishment on the part of the individual is necessary to receive this so-great salvation that is available in Jesus Christ. It is received only through faith alone in Christ alone. The fact that salvation is a gift of grace exempts us from the need to pressure the lost to exercise sincerity, commitment, behavior modification, or anything else that implies that a lost person can contribute to his or her own salvation.

Salvation is not about what we might do, it is about what Christ has done. However, when a lost person has been saved through faith, it is equally apparent from the Scriptures, that as a new creation in Christ^f, he or she is to begin a life-long process of being conformed to the image and likeness of our Lord and

Savior. And this sanctification is accomplished only through the enabling power of the Spirit of God and the guidance of the Word of God.

The Bible is the inspired Word of God (II Timothy 3:17). We view the Scriptures as authoritative, since they are “*God breathed*.”



We hold them as reliable, since in the original they were both inspired and inerrant. In fact, we consider them to be the final authority for the child of God in matters of faith and practice. We recognize Biblical truth is under

relentless attack and false teaching abounds. Through study and the teaching ministry of the Spirit, we strive to avoid false teachings of every kind while holding steadfastly to Biblical truth and a clear Gospel message.

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We honor God through traditional worship (Psalm 19:14). Worship is to be glorious and reverent—lifting our hearts and minds in praise, thanksgiving, dedication, repentance, and preparation for the communication of God's Word. It is not intended to entertain, instead it is an area of ministry intended to bring us to appreciate almighty God.

Our loving fellowship strengthens us (Hebrews 10:24-25.) This is a fellowship of believers who share a common bond of loving the Lord, and are truly supportive of each other. Our fellowship begins at the point of unity and decorum among a group of like-minded believers. It continues as individual gifts and abilities are put into service above self interest. It extends further to the place where sacrifices are made on behalf of those who are in need.



Seeking the Lost is our commission (Matthew 28:19-20). The Church has a commission directly from our Lord! It is a geographic commission, which corresponds to foreign missions, home missions, and local evangelism. It is a commission to the heart, which is meant to stir our passions, motivate us to act, and guide our plans. We are not just a Sunday audience, but a company of spiritually-gifted and committed witnesses for our Lord.

The principles of divine establishment are God-given (Nehemiah 4:14). We recognize God as having ordained personal accountability, the sanctity of marriage, and primacy of family in nurturing and instructing the next generation. Until Christ returns, our freedoms are only maintained through the proper function of nationalism and military victory.

