

Elder Statement October 2020

Regarding our response to the COVID-19 regulations, the Elders of Big Valley Grace Community Church affirm from our statement of faith:

The Authority of the Bible

2 Timothy 3:16-17; 2 Peter 1:19-21

*"We believe the 66 books of Old and New Testaments are a complete and final revelation from God, without error in the original autographs, and **sufficient in themselves as our only rule of faith and practice.**"*

The Church of Jesus Christ

Matthew 16:18; 28:19-20; John 13:1-17; Acts 2:41-47; 1 Corinthians 11:17-34; 12:13; Ephesians 1:22-23; Colossians 1:18

*"We believe that all believers from the day of Pentecost in Acts 2 until the return of Jesus Christ are members of the Church, the body of Christ, and that **the visible manifestation on earth is local churches where believers assemble for teaching, fellowship, prayer, and observance of Christ's commands regarding baptism and communion.** We believe in water baptism by immersion in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, and in remembering the night our Lord was with His disciples in the Upper Room by regularly observing the Lord's Supper."*

As our understanding of this ever-changing situation grows, when obedience to the commands of Scripture finds opposition in the laws of the land, we will prioritize obedience to Scripture and encourage our church family to do the same.