

STATEMENT OF FAITH

We believe that the God-head eternally exists in three persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit; and that these are one God, having precisely the same homage, confidence and obedience.

Genesis 1:26; John 8:58; I Timothy 3:16; I John 5:7

SECTION – GOD THE FATHER

We believe God, the Father, is the infinite and perfect Spirit, eternal and unchangeable in His being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness, and truth. We believe that in God, the Father, all things have their source, support and end. And that He rules over the affairs of men.

Genesis 1:15-17; Matthew 10:29-30; John 1:3, 4:24; Romans 8:28; Colossians 1:15-17; Hebrews 1:3; Revelation 4:11

SECTION II – JESUS CHRIST

We believe in the essential deity and virgin birth of our Lord Jesus Christ; that He was begotten by the Holy Spirit; born of a virgin, not having a human father, and is true God and true Man. He is man's only hope of salvation from sin and the only mediator between God and man.

Isaiah 7:14; Luke 1:35; John 1:1-4, 14:6; I Timothy 2:5-6

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SECTION III – HOLY SPIRIT

We believe the Holy Spirit to be co-equal with the Father and the Son. He is a person. He is come as the fulfillment of Christ's promise. He convicts, regenerates, indwells, seals, infills, empowers, and guides the believer.

John 3:3-5, 16:7-13; Acts 1:8; I Corinthians 6:19; Ephesians 1:13,14,5:18; I John 5:7

SECTION IV – THE BIBLE

We believed that "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God" by which we mean every one of the 66 books of the Bible (no more, no less) in its original manuscript. We believe that all portions of Scripture are equally inspired and contain no contradiction.

II Samuel 23:1-2; John 10:34-35; II Timothy 3:16-17; Hebrews 1:1; II Peter 1:20-21; Revelation 22:18-19

SECTION V – DEPRAVITY OF MAN

We believe that God created man in His own image, that man sinned and thereby incurred not only physical death but also spiritual death (which is not annihilation either of the soul or spirit), which is eternal separation from God. We believe that all men are born with a sinful nature, evidenced by sinful acts: that man is totally depraved, and if he is not born again, is eternally lost.

Genesis 1:26-27; Romans 5:12; I Corinthians 15:21-22; Revelation 20:11-15, 21:8

SECTION VI – SATAN

We believe that Satan is a person, the father of lies, a murderer from the beginning and the great deceiver of all nations. He will finally be overcome by the Lord Jesus Christ as the seed of woman and cast into the bottomless pit for one thousand years and finally committed to the lake of fire with all his angels to be tormented forever and ever. Satan cannot be overcome by the believer except by the power of God.

Job 1:6-12, 2:1-7; Isaiah 14:12-14; Ezekiel 28:11-19; John 8:44; II Corinthians 11:14; Ephesians 6:12-18; II Thessalonians 2:9; I Peter 5:6; Jude 9; Revelation 20:1-3

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SECTION VII – SALVATION

We believe that we are saved by grace through faith and faith alone in the shed blood of the Lord Jesus Christ on Calvary's cross. The believer who has exercised saving faith by accepting of Christ as personal savior possesses eternal life and is secure in Christ.

We believe that the attitude either of reconciliation or enmity toward God is eternally fixed at death. The doctrine of a second chance is not taught in God's Word. We further believe that there is an appointed day for the judgment of the wicked when they will be cast into the lake of fire, there to remain in everlasting conscious punishment.

John 5:23, 10:28-30; Acts 16:31; Hebrews 9:27; II Peter 2:9; Revelation 20:12-15, 21:8

SECTION VIII – CHRISTIAN LIFE AND SERVICE

We believe that all born again Christians have a perfect standing in Christ and that they should purpose in their hearts to make their walk conform with their standing. We believe that we are justified by faith alone but that a separated life and Christian service are the out-growth of salvation. Grace teaches good works and does not give license to sin. The Christian will be judged for his good works over and above the gift of salvation.

John 2:15; Romans 3:20-21, 8:1-13,37, 12:1-2; I Corinthians 3:12-15; II
Corinthians 5:17, 6:17-18; Ephesians 2:10, 4:1; Titus 2:11-12

SECTION IX – THE CHURCH

We believe that the church is the called-out assembly of believers baptized with the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. Believers in this dispensation are members of the body of Christ. God has called us to assemble together for our mutual edification and service and we encourage every believer to join a local gospel assembly.

We believe that Christ has commanded the church to go into all the world and preach the Gospel. We believe that the God-given ordinances of the church are Baptism and the observance of the Lord's Table. We believe that the ordinance of baptism is the immersion in the water of the born-again believer and that water does not save but that the believer will be baptized in obedience to the Lord's command.

We believe that the earthly leadership of the local assembly is vested in Pastors/Elders chosen in accordance with the qualifications listed in I Timothy 3 and that they become responsible for the oversight of the church.

Matthew 28:18-20; Mark 16:15; John 3:23; Acts 8:26-38; I Corinthians 11:23-26; Ephesians 5:25-32; Colossians 1:18; I Timothy 3:1-13; Hebrews 13:7

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SECTION X MARRIAGE

1. Believing that Christ is the Head of the Church, we are first and foremost responsible and accountable to Him in all affairs related to this body. He also likened the relationship to that of Marriage.

Reference Ephesians 5:22-6:4

2. Believing Marriage is an institution ordained by God, we subscribe to these principles:

A. Marriage is the foundation of a healthy society and a church.

B. A family's foundation is one husband and one wife joined together by marriage which can include other individuals born to, adopted, or joined to in a foster relationship.

C. The one man and one woman in a marriage covenant relationship, gender being determined at birth, shall be solemnized by church or state if it adheres to these provisions.

D. Sexual relationships are designed and intended by God only for marriage.

References: Genesis 1:27-28; 2:24; Ephesians 5:22-6:4; Proverbs 11:29; 12:7

SECTION XI RESURRECTION, RAPTURE AND REVELATION

We believe that after His crucifixion, death and burial, our Lord Jesus Christ arose personally and bodily from the dead and ascended into heaven where He is now our high priest and advocate. We believe that there will be a resurrection of all, first the just at His coming and finally the unjust after the Millennium. The saints are raised to be forever with the Lord and the unsaved will be confined for eternity in the lake of fire.

We believe in the "blessed hope," the personal bodily, premillennial and imminent return of our Lord and Savior for His church (the Rapture) and His later return to the earth in power and glory with His saints (the Revelation) to set up His Kingdom (the Millennium).

John 14:1-3; Acts 1:9,11,24:15; I Corinthians 15:3-20; I Thessalonians 4:13-18;
Hebrews 7:25, I John 2:1,2; Revelation 21:1-8.