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Statement of Faith

Scripture

We believe that "all Scripture is given by inspiration of God". We understand this to mean that the whole Bible, consisting of the sixty-six books of the Old and New Testaments, was written by men who were inspired by the Holy Spirit to write the very words of Scripture, thereby doing so without error. We believe that all Scripture centers around the Lord Jesus Christ in His person, work, and in His first and second coming. For this reason, no portion of the Old Testament is properly read or understood until it leads to Christ. We also believe that all Scripture was designed for our practical instruction and is the divinely authoritative standard for every age and every life. (2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:21; [Luke 24:27, 44](#); [John 5:39](#); [Romans 15:4](#); [1 Corinthians 10:11](#); [2 Timothy 3:16](#))

The Triune Godhead

We believe in the one true and living God, the Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, and Ruler of all things. He is infinite, eternal, and unchangeable, and is revealed to us as the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

God the Father: We believe that God, as Father, reigns over all of His universe with providential care. He is all-powerful, all-loving, all-knowing, and all-wise. He is fatherly in attitude toward all men but is Father, indeed, to those who have become children of God through Jesus Christ and joint heirs with Him. He, alone, will deliver them into the Father's hands to dwell forever in His divine presence. ([Genesis 1:1](#); [1 Chronicles 29:10](#); [Jeremiah 10:10](#); [Matthew 6:9](#); [Acts 1:7](#); [Romans 8:14-15](#); [1 Corinthians 8:6](#); [1 Corinthians 15: 24](#); [Ephesians 4:6](#))

God the Son: We believe in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, the eternal Son of God, who became man without ceasing to be God and that He was born of a virgin after being conceived of the Holy Spirit so that He might reveal God and redeem sinful man. We believe in His sinless life and the miracles He performed. We believe in His vicarious and atoning death through His shed blood as He voluntarily gave Himself as the substitutionary sacrifice on the cross thereby satisfying God's righteous judgment against sin. We believe in His bodily resurrection after substantiating the accomplishment of redeeming man and justifying his salvation. We believe in His ascension to the right hand of the Father where He intercedes on behalf of those who trust Him serving as our High Priest and Advocate. We believe in His personal return in power and in glory where He will forever rule sovereignly. (John 10:33; Isaiah 7:14; Matthew 1:23; Luke 1:35; Hebrews 4:15, 7:26, 9:12; John 2:11; 1 Corinthians 15:3; Ephesians 1:7; Colossians 1:14; Hebrews 2:9; John 11:25; 1 Corinthians 15:4; Mark 16:19; Acts 1:11; Revelation 19:11-16)

God the Holy Spirit: We believe that the Holy Spirit is the Divine Person who convicts the world of sin (righteousness and judgment); that He alone brings new life to those who are spiritually dead; that He baptizes (or places) all believers into the one true Church, which is the Body of Christ; that He indwells them permanently, seals them unto the day of final redemption, bestows spiritual gifts upon them, and fills (controls) those who are yielding to Him. Every believer is called to live in the power of the indwelling Holy Spirit so that he will not fulfill the lust of the flesh but will bear fruit to the glory of God. ([John 3:3-8](#); [14:16-17](#); [16:7-11](#); [1 Corinthians 12:7-11, 13](#); [Ephesians 4:30](#); [5:18](#))



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Holy Angels

We believe that God created angels, spirit beings, to serve and worship Him. They are superior to man but inferior to God and minister to man according to His will. ([Luke 2:9 14](#); [Hebrews 1:6 7, 14](#); [2:6 7](#); [Revelation 5:11 14](#); [19:10](#); [22:9](#)).

The Devil/ Satan and Fallen Angels

We believe that Satan is a created angel and the author of sin. He incurred the judgment of God by rebelling against his Creator, by taking numerous angels with him in his fall, who then became referred to as demons, and by introducing sin into the human race through his temptation of Eve at which point he initiated the fall of man. He inspires sin as evil incarnate, and is destined to the judgment of an eternal punishment in the lake of fire. ([Isaiah 14:12 - 17](#); [Ezekiel 28:11 - 19](#); [Matthew 25:41](#); [Revelation 12:1 - 14](#); [Genesis 3:1 - 15](#); [Matthew 4:1-3](#); [Acts 5:3](#); [2 Corinthians 4:4](#); [Revelation 20:10](#))

Mankind and Creation

We believe that by direct act, God created man and the heavens and the earth, including all life. We believe that man is created in the image of God; however, after the fall of Adam and Eve, all people are by nature separated from God and responsible for their own sin, but that salvation, redemption, and forgiveness are offered as a free gift by the Lord Jesus Christ to all based on His grace alone. When a person repents of sin and receives Jesus Christ as personal Savior and Lord, trusting Him to save, that person is immediately born again and sealed by the Holy Spirit, all his/her sins are forgiven, and that person becomes a child of God, destined to spend eternity with the Lord. We believe a true believer is eternally secure and cannot lose his salvation; but sin may interrupt the joy of his fellowship with God and bring the loving discipline of his heavenly Father. ([Genesis 1:1, 26-27](#); [John 1:3](#); [Colossians 1:16-17](#); Romans 3:10,23)

Sin

Sin is anything we think, say, or do that acts in opposition to the character of God. It separates man from Him due to its depraved nature. The only Answer for reconciliation is the forgiveness of Jesus Christ and the price He paid for our atonement through His selfless sacrifice and the shedding of His blood on the cross. (Romans 6:23, Ephesians 4:18)



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The Law and Grace

We believe that true believers do not live under the law as a covenant of works by which to be bound, justified, or condemned but rather through individual examination it serves to remind us of our need for a Savior, Jesus Christ, and the perfection of His obedience and righteousness. It brings to light the sinful nature of our hearts and lives causing man to fall short of attaining His glory. In doing so, the law is not contrary to the Gospel but instead points towards it and God's new covenant with man by which he is set free under His grace. Through man's faith, the sufficiency of grace serves as his undeserved gift allowing for adoption through the blood of Jesus Christ into the Body of Christ and heir to His eternal kingdom. (Romans 3:19-31; Ephesians 2:8-9; 2 Corinthians 12:9; Galatians 4:5-7)

Salvation through Grace

We believe that salvation is the gift of God's grace. It cannot be gained or made more secure by meritorious works, but is freely bestowed upon all who put their faith in the finished work of Jesus Christ at Calvary. All who so trust the Savior are forgiven of their sins and born into the family of God by the regenerating work of the Holy Spirit. We believe that Jesus is the Way, The Truth, and the Life—the one and only way to eternal life. ([John 1:12](#); [Acts 16:30-33](#); [Romans 10:9-10](#); [Ephesians 1:7](#); [2:8-9](#); [John 14:6](#))

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The Christian Walk and Grace

We believe we are not to take advantage of God's gift of grace. We believe that all aspects of our lives are to be lived to the glory of God under the Lordship of Jesus Christ stemming from our love for Him because of all His love for us. We have a holy calling to walk not after the flesh but after the Spirit, and so to live in the power of the indwelling Spirit in order that we will not become slave to the flesh. The flesh is never eradicated in this life and through the choice of man must be kept in subjection to Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit, or it will surely manifest its presence in our lives and dishonor our Lord. ([Romans 6:1, 11-13; 8:2, 4, 12-13](#); [Galatians 5:16-23](#); [Ephesians 4:22-24](#); [Colossians 2:1-10](#); [1 Peter 1:14-16](#); [1 John 1:4-7; 3:5-9](#); Romans 8:1-14)

Resurrection

We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost. Jesus Christ will return, bodily and visibly, to judge all of mankind and to receive His people to Himself for eternity. Those who did not place their faith in Him alone for salvation will be cast into the lake of fire to live forever. (John 5:28, 29, Revelation 20 - 22)

The Great Commission

We believe that until the return of Christ, it is the Christian's duty and privilege to seek the fulfillment of Christ's Great Commission and to minister in His name in order to be a solution in a needy world while holding to the status of not being of it. We are to be used as instruments and representatives of Jesus Christ as the Holy Spirit ministers redemption and reconciliation in the world. ([Matthew 25:31-46; 28:18-20](#); John 15:19; 2 Corinthians 5:20)

The Church

We believe that the church is comprised of the body of believers, those who have received the gift of God's salvation, of whom Jesus Christ is the head. We believe that every true Christian is to be a dynamic part of a local church since this is God's primary context for spiritual development and community impact. (Colossians 1:18; 1 Corinthians 12:27-28)