

The Dassow Family

Missionaries in Peru, South America

STATEMENT OF DOCTRINAL BELIEFS

- 1. We believe in the absolute authority of the Holy Scriptures. We believe the original manuscripts were given by inspiration of God and were, and still are, without error.
- 2. We believe the God who gave His word to man has taken upon Himself the responsibility for it's preservation (Psalms 12:6-7; Matthew 24:3; Mark 13:31; Luke 21:33).
- 3. We believe the incorruptible word of God, which cannot pass away, is available to the English-speaking world in the Authorized (King James) 1611 version.
- 4. We believe in one God eternally existent as the Father, the Word (Jesus, the Son), and the Holy Ghost.
- 5. We believe God to be the creator and sustainer of all things, visible and invisible. We believe the universe and all that is therein to be held together by the word of His power.
- 6. We believe the Lord Jesus Christ to be God manifest in the flesh, virgin born, without sin, crucified, risen, and coming again to receive His church in the air, then returning to establish his earthly kingdom after the tribulation.
- 7. We believe salvation is available to all men by grace through faith in the finished work of the Lord Jesus Christ, apart from human works or merit of any kind.
- 8. We believe salvation makes one a member of the body of Christ and the members of this body should gather together in a local church where they may minister one to another.
- 9. We believe it is the responsibility of every believer to proclaim the saving gospel to all men by personal testimony and by giving of their means to finance the missionary efforts of the church.
- 10. We believe all men rejecting the Lord Jesus Christ will spend eternity in the torment of a literal lake of fire, while those receiving the Lord Jesus Christ will spend eternity in the presence of God in a literal place called Heaven.
- 11. We believe all saved men should be separate from the outward and inner ways of this world, being holy in mind and body. We believe, however, that righteousness does not come by the keeping of laws and commandments but by an inner change of heart performed by the permanently indwelling Holy Spirit upon acceptance of Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. We therefore place emphasis on the inner condition, trusting the outward appearance to follow accordingly.
- 12. We believe that water baptism by total immersion is a public testimony made by the saved Christian and plays no part in salvation.
- 13. We believe that any attempt by the state to interfere with the working of the church or an emphasis by the church to interfere with the working of the state is a violation of God's purpose for both.
- 14. We believe in the priesthood of ALL believers and protest any fashion of exalting one member of the body of Christ above another or exalting one gift of the Spirit above another.
- 15. We believe that the church is a body of which Jesus is the head. Thus it is not a democracy to be run by the will of its members but is to conduct its temporal as well as its spiritual business in strict accordance with the word of God.

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