

STATEMENT OF FAITH

About the Bible

We believe the Holy Scriptures to be the very Word of God, authoritative, infallible and inerrant in the original writings. Mark 12:36; 2 Timothy 3:16-17; 2 Peter 1:21

About the Godhead

We believe there is one God who is personal, infinite, perfect; and He exists eternally in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Genesis 1:2-27; Deuteronomy 6:4, 2 Corinthians 13:14, Matthew 28:18-20

About the Person and Work of Jesus Christ

We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ, the eternal Son of God, became man, without ceasing to be God, having been conceived of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin, in order that He might reveal God and redeem sinful man. We believe that He accomplished our redemption through His sinless life, and death on the cross as a voluntary, substitutionary sacrifice. We believe that our redemption is made sure by His literal, bodily resurrection from the dead. We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ is now in heaven exalted at the right hand of God, whereas the High Priest for His people, He fulfills the ministry of Representative, Intercessor, and Advocate.

Luke 1:35; John 1:1-2; Romans 3:24-25; 4:25; 8:34; Hebrews 7:25; 9:24; I Peter 1:3-5; I John 2:1-2

About the Person of the Holy Spirit

We believe that the Holy Spirit is a Divine Person and works in convicting men of sin, righteousness and judgment and indwells all believers of this present age. We believe a Christian fully receives the Holy Spirit when he or she is saved. In the life of the believer, the Holy Spirit is involved in the New Birth, the sealing of salvation, and in developing holiness.

John 16:8; Romans 8:4; I Corinthians 12; Ephesians 1: 13-14; 4: 1-6; Colossians 3:16

About Man

We believe that mankind was created by God and in His image and likeness, but that in Adam's rebellion the human race fell, inherited a sinful nature, and became alienated from God. We also believe mankind can be restored to God's favor only through the work of Jesus Christ and the ministry of the Holy Spirit. Genesis 1:26-27; 3; Romans 3:22-23; 5:12

About Salvation

We believe that salvation comes to man only by grace through faith in Jesus Christ, apart from any human merit. Salvation is a free gift of God brought to man by grace and received by personal faith in the Lord Jesus Christ whose precious blood was shed for the forgiveness of our sins. Every believer's salvation is secure, being kept by the power of God. However, a believer by disobedience can mar his fellowship with God, lose his joy, testimony and incur the Father's loving discipline. While we do not believe good works are meritorious in obtaining salvation, we do believe that good works are an evidence of salvation.

John 1:12; 3:18; 10:27-30; Ephesians 2:8-9; Romans 8:38-39

About The Church

We believe that Jesus Christ is the head of the church. All those who have experienced salvation are members of the Church, which is His body, and are therefore eligible for baptism and membership in a local fellowship. Acts 2; I Corinthians 12:12-27; I Timothy 3:15; Ephesians 1:20-23; Colossians 1:24; 3:14-15

About Satan

We believe in the reality of Satan, who is the open and declared enemy of God and God's people, who steals, kills and destroys and whose destiny is eternal punishment. We believe Jesus Christ defeated Satan at the cross and in His authority and provision the believer has everything needed to walk in victory over Satan and his demonic army. John 10:10; Ephesians 6:10-20; Colossians 2:13-15

About the Second Coming of Jesus Christ

We believe in the second coming of Jesus Christ.

I Corinthians 15:51-53; I Thessalonians 4:13-18; Revelation 20:6

About the Eternal State

All people will experience the resurrection, believers to the state of eternal life and unbelievers to the state of eternal punishment.

Luke 16:19-26; 23:42; 2 Corinthians 5-8; Philippians 1:23; 2 Thessalonians 1:7-9; Judges 6-7; Revelation 20:11-15