

STATEMENT OF FAITH

The Bible is the inspired Word of God and the sole foundation for the faith and practice of all believers. It reveals a triune God: God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. The Father sent the Son to be the Savior of lost mankind who were separated from God by sin. Jesus, the Son of God, died a substitutionary death on the cross, was buried, and rose again the third day, according to the Scriptures, to save a lost humanity from eternal separation from God. Those who place their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and His finished work are regenerated with divine life by the Holy Spirit. It is the responsibility of all believers to work together to share the Gospel message with all peoples, that in all things God may be glorified. Missions begins and ends with the Local Church. The Local Church is both the means and the objective of missions, to the glory of God.

THE WORD OF GOD

We believe in the word-by-word inspiration, inerrancy, sufficiency, and final authority of the Holy Scriptures. God has spoken to man through His Word, the Bible, in the Old and New Testaments; it is without error in the original manuscripts. The author was God the Holy Spirit using human writers, and it is the supreme revelation of the will of God and the sole authority in the lives of believers, His Church. God so superintended the writing of the Scriptures so that while the personalities, writing styles and linguistic uniqueness of the human author was preserved the Word breathed out is without error of any kind reflecting the Divine Author. (Isaiah 30:8; 1 Thessalonians 2:13; 2 Timothy 3:16; Hebrews 4:12). Scripture is to be interpreted in its literal, normal sense with authorial intent and within the proper context.

TRINITY

We believe in one God, eternally existing in three persons- Father, Son and Holy Spirit. He is a personal Being and the Creator and sustainer of the universe. He is one God; He exists in three Persons- the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. These Persons are equal in essence, but each has His own distinct work (2 Corinthians 13:14; John 1:1-5; Matthew 28:19-20).

GOD THE FATHER

We believe in God the Father, almighty maker of heaven and earth, perfect in holiness, power, and wisdom. He saves from sin and death anyone who comes to Him through Jesus Christ, and those who are in Christ become God's children. He is the supreme ruler over the universe and sovereign over all things. Everything exists for His name and for His glory alone. He is the first person of the Trinity (Genesis 1:1-31; 1 Chronicles 29:11; Romans 11:36; John 1:12; Ephesians 1:3-6; Hebrews 12:7-8; 1 John 3:1-2; 1 Corinthians 8:5-6).

THE LORD JESUS CHRIST

We believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as true God and true man, and in His virgin birth, sinless humanity, vicarious death, bodily resurrection, current advocacy, and His personal, imminent, bodily return for His church. He is the promised Savior revealed in Scripture in the Old and New Testaments. The Lord Jesus Christ willingly shed His blood and died as a sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. He is one with the Father. He is the second person of the Trinity (John 1:14; Isaiah 7:14; Luke 1:26-35; John 1:1-3; Isaiah 9:6; Romans 5:6; John 10:11; John 10:17-18; John 3:16; John 10:30; 2 Thessalonians 1:7-10; 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17).

THE HOLY SPIRIT

We believe that the Holy Spirit regenerates with divine life and personally indwells the believer upon his faith in Christ for salvation. He is an eternal and divine Person, co-equal with God the Father and God the Son. He was active in creation. He convicts men of sin and guides them in all truth in complete harmony with the God the Father and God the Son, as they are the same in essence. He is the third person of the Trinity (Acts 1:1-2; Romans 8:9-11; 1 Corinthians 12:13; Matthew 28:19; Acts 5:3-4; 1 Corinthians 12:4-6; Genesis 1:2; John 14:26; Titus 3:4-7).

CREATION

We believe in the literal interpretation of the creation account- that the entire human race sprang from one man, Adam, and one woman, Eve, literal people, who were created directly in God's image and after His likeness and did not evolve from any lower form of life (Genesis 1-2; Genesis 1:27; Psalm 33:6; John 1; Romans 1:20; 1 Corinthians 15:45-49; Luke 3:38).

THE FALL OF MAN AND SIN

We believe that Adam, made in the image of God, was originally created as a sinless being. He willingly sinned and fell from that sinless state, and through Adam all mankind are now sinners resulting in mankind's complete and universal separation from God. As a result, all human beings are alienated from God and condemned to death, to be eternally separated from God without God's own gracious intervention (Genesis 2:16-17; Genesis 3:1-7; Romans 5:12-15; 1 Corinthians 15:22).

SALVATION

We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ shed His blood and died as a sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Salvation is made free to all by the Gospel. It is initiated by God, and is accomplished by grace apart from any human works. It is the duty of all persons to believe. All who have faith in the Lord Jesus Christ are forgiven, regenerated, and justified. From all eternity God determined in grace to save a great multitude of guilty sinners from every tribe and language and people and nation. God justifies and sanctifies those who, by grace, have faith in Jesus, and that He will one day glorify them—all to the praise of his glorious grace (Titus 3:5; John 3:3-7; Ephesians 2:8-10; Romans 8:33; Romans 3:20; Colossians 2:13-15; 2 Thessalonians 13; 1 Corinthians 6:11; Romans 6:1-22).

THE CHURCH

We believe that the Church, the Body of Christ, is composed of all true believers who are placed into that Body by the baptizing work of the Holy Spirit. A local, visible church is an organized congregation of baptized believers, led by biblically qualified men serving as elders, associated together by a common faith and fellowship in the Gospel, to glorify God in reverent and orderly worship (1 Corinthians 1:2; 1 Corinthians 12:12-13; Acts 2:1-21; Acts 14:23, 27; Ephesians 1:22; Ephesians 2:19-22; 1 Corinthians 14:40, Titus 1:5-9, I Timothy 3:1-7).

FUTURE OF THE SAINTS

We believe in the bodily resurrection of both the saved and the unsaved, in the unending life of the saved with the Lord and the unending punishment of the unsaved. We believe in the blessed hope of the believer and Jesus Christ's personal, imminent, bodily return for His Church (1 Thessalonians 4:16-17; John 14:3; 1 Timothy 6:13-14; Revelation 21:1-5)