



Statement of Faith

God

There is one God, creator of all things, infinitely perfect, holy, eternally existent in three co-equal persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. God is gracious, merciful, compassionate, abounding in steadfast love and is the righteous judge of all men.

References: Deuteronomy 6:4; 33:27; 1 Timothy 2:5; Genesis 1:1; John 1:1-3; 15:26; Colossians 1:16; 2:19; Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 28:19; Hebrews 9:14; Ephesians 4:6; Psalms 18:30; 103:8; 119:156; 103:8; 25:10; 9:7-8

Jesus Christ

The Lord Jesus Christ is fully God and fully man, begotten by the Holy Spirit and born of a virgin. This unique birth enabled Him to share our human nature but without sin. He purposefully followed His Father's will and died sacrificially as our substitute for every aspect of our salvation. He rose bodily from the dead and ascended to His Father's right hand where He functions as the head of the church and now ministers as our Great High Priest.

References: Ephesians 2:20; 5:23; 1 Timothy 2:5-6; 3:16; Luke 1:34-35; 24:39; Hebrews 4:14-16; 1 Peter 2:22,24; 1 John 2:1; 3:5; 2 Corinthians 5:21; Romans 5:19; 1 Corinthians 15:1-19; Ephesians 1:20; Hebrews 10:5-10

Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit is personal and fully God. He convicts the world concerning sin, God's righteousness and the coming judgement. At redemption, He baptizes each believer into the body of Christ and comes to indwell him permanently. The Holy Spirit seals the Christian and sets him apart to a holy life. His power enables the believer to live a godly life.

References: 1 Corinthians 12:13; 6:19; Ephesians 1:13-14; 4:30; Romans 8:9,11; Galatians 5:22-23; John 16:7-12

Bible

The Bible is verbally inspired of God, without error in the original manuscripts and of final authority in all matters of faith and practice.

References: 2 Timothy 3:16-17; 1 Thessalonians 2:13; Hebrews 4:12; 2 Peter 1:20-21

We believe that the Bible is to be interpreted literally, grammatically, and in its historical setting with sensitivity to its literary and cultural content.

The Nature of Mankind

Mankind was made in the image of God. We were created with a unique ability to have a relationship with God. When Adam and Eve disobeyed God, they and all their descendants became sinners. The relationship between God and mankind was severed and as a result we are liable for eternal judgement and cannot save ourselves.

References: Genesis 1:27; 2:16-17; Romans 3:23; 5:12

Salvation

Salvation is entirely of God's grace through repentance of sin and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ alone and His shed blood. It is accomplished through the rebirth and renewing work of the Holy Spirit who indwells every believer. The Holy Spirit places believers in the body of Christ restoring their relationship with God and empowering them to live a life that is wholly pleasing to God.

References: Romans 8:37; 8:9,31-39; 1 Corinthians 12:13; Titus 3:5; Heb 9:11-14; 1 Peter 1:18-19; Ephesians 2:8-9; John 10:27-29; 3:16; 5:24

The redeemed are kept eternally secure by the power of Christ through the indwelling and sealing of the Holy Spirit and the intercession of Christ.

References: John 3:16; Ephesians 1:13-14; Hebrews 7:25

The Church

The Church is a living organism composed of all true believers with the Lord Jesus Christ as the head. The local church is the expression in its locality of the church universal and functions under the shepherding and care of the Elders. We gather specifically to learn God's Word, to build up and encourage one another through fellowship and service, to commemorate the Lord's Supper and for praise, worship and prayer. We are to evangelize and make disciples of the lost.

References: Ephesians 1:22-23; 4:12; Philippians 1:1; Colossians 1:18; John 4:23; 17:21; Acts 2:42; 1 Corinthians 5:1-6:4; 11:23-26; Matthew 28:18-19; 18:15-17

The Ordinances

We believe in the regular observance of the Lord's Supper (communion) and baptism by immersion for all believers in obedience to God's word.

References: 1 Corinthians 11:23,24; Acts 8:36-40

Spiritual Gifts

Every believer has been given spiritual gifts by the Holy Spirit and has both the privilege and responsibility of exercising these gifts under His direction. The function of these gifts is for the work of the ministry and the building up of the body of Christ, His church.

References: Romans 12:6-8; Ephesians 4:11; 1 Corinthians 12:6-10; 28-31; Hebrews 2:4

Satan

We believe in the reality and personality of Satan and demons as created beings infinitely inferior in power and authority to God.

References: Matthew 4:1-11; Colossians 1:15-23; James 4:7; Revelation 20:10

Future Things

We believe in the imminent return of the Lord Jesus in the air to call the believers from this world. That is known as the "Rapture of the Church". The Great Tribulation follows the Rapture and then the bodily return of the Lord Jesus Christ to govern in righteousness as King for 1000 years.

References: 1 Thessalonians 4:14-18; Philippians 1:23; 3:21; John 5:28-29; 1 Corinthians 15:51-55; Revelation 20:1-6,10-15; 22:3-5; Matthew 25:46; Titus 2:13; Acts 1:11; Hebrews 9:28