



Statement of Faith

THE WORD OF GOD

We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the inspired Word of God, inerrant in the original writings, complete as the revelation of God's will for salvation, and the supreme and final authority in all matters to which they speak.

THE TRINITY

We believe in one God, Creator and Sustainer of all things, eternally existing in three persons; Father, Son and Holy Spirit; that these are equal and perfect in every divine attribute and that they execute distinct and harmonious offices in the work of creation, providence and redemption.

GOD THE FATHER

We believe in God the Father, an infinite, personal Spirit, perfect in holiness, wisdom, power and love. He concerns Himself mercifully in the affairs of men and women, hears and answers prayer, and saves from sin and death all who come to Him through Jesus Christ.

JESUS CHRIST

We believe that Jesus Christ is God's eternal Son, and fully possesses the same nature and attributes as God the Father and God the Holy Spirit. He is not only true God, but true Man, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. We believe in His sinless life, His substitutionary atonement, His bodily resurrection from the dead, His ascension into heaven, His priestly intercession on behalf of His people, and His personal, visible, premillennial return from heaven.

HOLY SPIRIT

We believe in the Holy Spirit, co-equal with the Father and the Son. We believe in His personality and His work in regeneration, sanctification and preservation. His ministry is to glorify the Lord Jesus Christ and implement Christ's work of redeeming the lost. He also empowers the believer for godly living and service through the giving of spiritual gifts.

HUMANITY

We believe God created humanity, male and female, in the image of God and free from sin. As a result of the fall, we further believe all persons are sinners by nature and choice and are, therefore, spiritually dead. We also believe that the Holy Spirit regenerates those who repent of sin and trust Jesus Christ as Savior. We believe that God created men and women equal in His sight, and that He intended them to have different and complimentary roles and responsibilities in their relationships. We believe that God created the man to be head over the woman as Christ is head over the church, and that this headship is to find expression in both the marriage relationship and in the church.

SALVATION

We believe in salvation by grace through faith in Jesus Christ. This salvation is based upon the sovereign grace of God, and was purchased by Christ on the cross, and is received through faith apart from any human merit, works, or ritual. We believe salvation results in righteous living, good works and proper social concern. We believe in the importance and efficacy of prayer.

THE CHURCH

We believe that the Church is the spiritual body of which Christ is the head and is composed of all persons who through saving faith in Jesus Christ have been regenerated by the Holy Spirit. This body expresses itself in local assemblies whose members have been immersed by baptism upon a credible confession of faith and have associated themselves for worship, instruction, evangelism and service. The ordinances of the local church are believers' baptism by immersion and the Lord's Supper. We believe in the priesthood of all believers; that all believers have the privilege and right of direct access to God through Jesus Christ. We also believe in the interdependence of local churches and the mutual submission of Christians to each other in love. We believe that each local church is self-governing in function and must be free from interference by any ecclesiastical or political authority. We believe that church leadership should be non-clerical, and comprised of a plurality of spiritually qualified males. We also believe all men and women are directly responsible to God in matters of faith and life.

CHRISTIAN CONDUCT

We believe that the supreme task of every believer is to glorify God in life and conduct and be blameless before the world. Each Christian should seek to be a growing disciple of Jesus Christ in every area of life, a faithful steward of all possessions, and should seek to realize in every area of life the full stature of maturity in Christ.

LAST THINGS

We believe that Jesus Christ will personally come again in power and glory to receive his church to Himself and to establish His millennial kingdom. We believe in the bodily resurrection of the saved and lost, and that Jesus Christ will judge both the living and the dead. We believe that the saved will live with Christ eternally in heaven while the lost will be condemned to eternal punishment in hell.