

STATEMENT OF FAITH

We believe... the Bible is the verbally inspired Word of God. It is the complete revelation of His will for salvation and the only unailing rule of faith and practice for the Christian life. (*2 Timothy 3:15-17; 2 Peter 1:19-21*)

We believe... in one God who is creator of all things. He exists eternally in three persons: the Father, the Son, and Holy Spirit, and these three are of equal dignity and power. (*Genesis 1:1; John 1:1, 14, 18; Matt. 28:19; 2 Cor. 13:14*)

We believe... in the deity of Jesus Christ as fully God and fully man; His miraculous conception; virgin birth; sinless life; substitutionary death on the cross; resurrection of His body; ascension to the right hand of God the Father; and His imminent return. (*Acts 17:3; Hebrews 2:16-17; John 1:14; Isaiah 7:14; 1 Cor. 15:3-8; Acts 1:9-11; 1 Timothy 2-5; Rev. 20:11-15*)

We believe... in the Holy Spirit as proceeding from and is one Being with the Father and the Son who: convicts the world of sin; leads men to the Gospel and into fellowship with God; He comforts, encourages, sustains, empowers, sanctifies and guides each believer into all truth. (*John 15:26-27; John 14:16-17; Acts 5:3,4; John 16:8-11; John 16:7, 12-13; John 14:26*)

We believe... that man was created BY and made FOR God; that through Adam's initial disobedience, man has inherited a sinful nature that leads to acts of disobedience. These acts result in spiritual death as a consequence; and that, because of this separation, man is in need of divine intervention and salvation. (*Ephesians 2:1; Romans 3:10-18, 23; Genesis 6:5; Psalm 51:5; John 3:3-7*)

We believe... the Lord Jesus Christ died for our sins and that all who believe in Him are declared righteous because of His sacrificial and substitutionary death and are, therefore, in right relationship with God. (*John 19:30; Hebrews 7:26-27; 9:26; 10:12*)

We believe... in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit, who indwells all believers thus enabling and empowering them to live their new life in Christ. That God is able and does fill entirely the heart of the believer who seeks the fullness of His Holy Spirit. This deeper work of grace is conditioned upon full surrender and faith. It involves both a cleansing of the Christian's heart from the inherited inclination to sin and the infilling of the Holy Spirit. It results in a new power to love God with our whole heart and our neighbors as ourselves. (*Genesis 1:1; John 1:1, 14, 18; Matt. 28:19; 2 Cor. 13:14*)

We believe... that good works themselves do not save us, but are the necessary fruits of the new birth and therefore serve as evidence that we are converted just as a tree is discerned by its fruit. That the believer is secure in Christ as long as obedience and faith are maintained. That it is possible to forfeit one's salvation by falling into deliberate, unrepentant sin, and if one remains in this state, to be finally lost. However, by the grace of God and through repentance and faith, the backslider can be restored to righteousness and true holiness. (*Ephesians 2:10; Galatians 2:16; James 2:16-17; Philippians 1:6; Hebrews 10:26-31; Galatians 6:1*)

We believe... in the sacrament of water baptism as a public declaration of faith for those who have come to know Christ and intend to follow Him. (*Mark 1:9; Matthew 28:19-20; 1 John 2:3*)

We believe... in the sacrament of communion (Lord's Supper) as directed by Christ to be done in remembrance of His sacrifice for us. That communion itself does not offer remission of sins but points us to the One who does, Jesus. We do not require membership for communion but do hold to the Scriptural teaching that one who partakes is to believe in Jesus as Savior and intend to follow Him. (*Luke 22:19-22; 1 Cor. 11:23-29; Acts 2:38-42*)

We believe... in the bodily resurrection of everyone who has lived, an everlasting blessedness and reward in Heaven for those who have received God's forgiveness, believed in and followed Christ, and an everlasting punishment in Hell for those who have rejected God's forgiveness, have not believed in and followed Christ. (*John 5:22; 2 Cor. 5:8-10; Isaiah 35:8-10; Rev. 20:11-15*)