

STATEMENT OF FAITH

Article III – Statement of Faith

“Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee.” 1 Timothy 4:16

1. **THE WORD OF GOD:** We believe that the Bible is the Word of God, fully and verbally inspired by the Holy Spirit. We believe that the Bible, in its original manuscripts, is free from all falsehood or mistake and so is entirely true and trustworthy in all its assertions on all matters of natural and theological fact, and that it has supreme authority in all matters of faith and conduct. 2 Tim. 3:16; 2 Pet. 1:21; 1 Thess. 2:13; Matt. 24:35; Rev. 22:18-19
2. **THE TRINITY:** We believe that there is one living and true God, eternally existing in three persons, that these are equal in every divine perfection, and that they execute distinct, but harmonious, offices in the work of creation, providence and redemption. Gen. 6:3; Deut. 6:4; 1 John 5:7; John 1:1; Matt. 3:13-17; John 10:30; Col. 2:9
3. **GOD THE FATHER:** We believe in God, the Father, the infinite, personal Spirit, perfect in holiness, wisdom, power and love. We believe that He concerns Himself mercifully in the affairs of people, that He hears and answers prayer, and that He saves from sin and death, all who come to Him through Jesus Christ. Deut. 6:4; 1 Tim. 2:5; Gen. 1:1; Isa. 6:3; John 4:24; Ps. 147:5; Isa. 40: 25-31; Matt. 16:17
4. **JESUS CHRIST:** We believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, eternally one with God; and that His earthly body was conceived by the Holy Spirit. We believe in His deity, virgin birth, sinless life, miracles and teachings. We believe in His substitutionary atoning death through the shedding of His blood, bodily resurrection, ascension into heaven, perpetual intercession for His people and personal, visible return to earth. Matt. 1: 18-25; Isa. 7:14; John 1:1; Isa. 53: 5-6; 1 Pet. 2:24; 2 Cor. 5:21; Isa. 9:6; 1 Pet. 1:18-19; Luke 24:39; Phil. 3: 20-21; 1 John 1:7; Heb. 7:25
5. **THE HOLY SPIRIT:** We believe in the personality, deity, and power of the Holy Spirit, who came to convict the world of sin, righteousness and judgment, and to enlighten, regenerate, sanctify and empower. We believe that the Holy Spirit indwells every believer in Christ and that He is the abiding Helper, Teacher and Guide. Believers have the privilege of being filled daily by the Holy Spirit, enabling them to live a victorious Christian life. John 16:8-11; Acts 1:8; Eph. 1:14, 5:18-21; Rom. 8:9-11; Gal. 5:22-23; 1 Cor. 12:1-13
6. **SATAN:** We believe in the existence of Satan, who rebelled with other fallen spirits against the Creator, and is now the deceiver and god of this present world. We believe that he was defeated at the cross and will be finally cast into the lake of fire “prepared for Satan and his angels”. Job 1:6-12; Isa. 14:12-15; 2 Cor. 4:4; Rev. 20:10; 1 Cor. 15:24; Col. 2:13-15
7. **THE FALL OF MAN:** We believe that Adam was created in righteousness and holiness by the direct act of God. We believe in the historicity and terrible reality of the fall of humanity and in our resulting spiritual depravity, whereby we are helpless and unable to save ourselves. Gen. 1:26; Matt. 19:4; 1 Tim. 2:13-14; Col. 3:10; Gen. 2:1-24; Rom. 5:12; Jer. 17:9; Eph. 2:1; Titus 3:5
8. **REGENERATION:** We believe that Jesus Christ, through His perfect obedience and by the shedding of His precious blood in death, made a complete payment for sins, thereby satisfying divine justice. We believe that those who repent of their sins and trust in Jesus Christ as Saviour are regenerated by the Holy Spirit. Eph. 2:8; Acts 4:12; Heb. 2:14; 1 Pet. 1:18-19; Heb. 10:1-18; 1 John 1:7-10; 1 Tim. 2:5; Acts 2:21; John 6:44; James 4:8

9. **ETERNAL LIFE:** We hold that, once a person is truly born again, his/her eternal salvation is settled in heaven, and he/she shall finally persevere through God's grace and never be lost, even though, at times, he/she may pass through a period of backsliding. John 3:3-5; 1 Pet. 1:23; 1 Cor. 6:9-11; Eph. 2:1-4; John 5:24; John 10:28-29; Phil 1:6; 2 Tim. 1:12; Jude 24-25
10. **CHRISTIAN CONDUCT:** We believe that Christians should live for the glory of God and the well being of others; that their conduct should be blameless before the world; that they should be faithful stewards of their possessions; and that they should seek for themselves and others the full stature of maturity in Christ. Eph. 5:25; 1 Cor. 10:31; 1 Cor. 6:19-20; John 15:8; Phil 2:4; Rom. 12:18; Titus 2:6-8; 2 Cor. 9:6-7; Eph. 4:29-32; 1 Cor. 14:12; 2 Cor. 6:14; Eph. 6:1-4; 1 John 2:15,17
11. **MARRIAGE:** We believe that God has ordained marriage and that the physical union of husband and wife is undefiled. We further believe that all other physical unions are against the will of God and that those who partake thereof are in danger of God's wrath. Gen. 2:18-24; Heb. 13:4; Prov. 5:18; Matt. 5:27-29; 1 Cor. 6:9,18; Deut. 22:22,25; Lev. 18:22-24, 20:10-16; Rom. 1:26-27
12. **THE CHURCH:** We believe in the "Church", the universal and spiritual body of which Christ is the Head and all regenerated persons are members. We believe in the "local church", consisting of a company of believers in Jesus Christ, baptized on a credible profession of faith, and associated for worship, evangelism, service, Christian growth and fellowship. We believe that God has laid upon the members of the local church the primary task of giving the Gospel of Jesus Christ to a lost world. 1 Cor. 12:12-14, 16:19; Eph. 2:16, 4:4; Acts 20:28; James 5:14
13. **THE ORDINANCES:** We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ has committed two ordinances to the Church: baptism and the Lord's Supper. We believe that Christian baptism is the immersion of a believer in water in the name of the Triune God and that this identifies the believer with the death, burial and resurrection of Christ. We believe that the Lord's Supper was instituted by Christ to remember His death. We believe that these two ordinances should be observed and administered until the return of the Lord Jesus Christ. John 3:23; Matt. 3:16, Matt. 28:19-20; Acts 8:38, 19:1-6; Rom. 6:4; 1 Cor. 11:1-2, 23
14. **CHRIST'S RETURN:** We believe in Christ's premillennial, visible and bodily return: (a) at His appearing in the air for His whole church, and (b) at His coming in glory to the Mount of Olives to establish His millennial reign of righteousness upon the earth. John 20:6-9; 1 Thess. 4:13-18; Phil 3:20; 1 Cor. 15:51-52; Acts 1:10-11; John 14:1-3; Zech. 14:4-9; Rev. 20:6
15. **THE LAST THINGS:** We believe in the resurrection of the body, the final judgment, the eternal blessedness of the righteous, and the endless suffering of the wicked.

We believe that at death, the souls of believers are made perfect in holiness, and pass immediately into glory, and that their souls will be reunited with their changed bodies at the resurrection, and will live eternally with God. Phil. 1:23; 2 Cor. 5:1-8; Rom. 8:19-23; John 5:28-29; Acts 24:15; 1 Thess. 4:16; Dan. 12:1; Matt. 8:11; Rev. 20:11-15

We believe that at death, the soul of unbelievers pass immediately into hell, a place of torment, to await the bodily resurrection of the unjust. They will then face judgment and be finally cast into the everlasting Lake of Fire. John 3:18,36; Ps. 9:17; Rev. 20:12-15; 2 Thess. 1:7-10; Matt. 25: 31-33,41; Luke 16:22-23