



Statement of Faith

God

We believe in God, the Father, an infinite, personal spirit, perfect in holiness, wisdom, power and love. We believe that He concerns Himself mercifully in the affairs of each person, that He hears and answers prayer, and that He saves from sin and death all who come to Him through Jesus Christ. (Matthew 6:9 John 5:19-24 17:1-5 Ephesians 1:3-6)

The Bible

We believe that the Bible is the Word of God, fully inspired and without error in the original manuscripts, written under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, and that it has supreme authority in all matters of faith and conduct. (2Timothy 3:15-17 Hebrews 4:12 2 Peter 1:20-21)

The Human Condition

We believe that God created Adam and Eve in His image, but they sinned when tempted by Satan. In union with Adam, human beings are sinners by nature and by choice, alienated from God, and under His wrath. Only through God's saving work in Jesus Christ can we be rescued, reconciled, and renewed. No religious works like; communion, baptism, Christian life, or biblical knowledge, saves an individual. (Eph. 2:8-9)

Jesus Christ

We believe in Jesus Christ, God's only begotten Son, conceived by the Holy Spirit. We believe in His virgin birth, sinless life, miracles and teachings. We believe in His substitutionary atoning death, bodily resurrection, ascension into heaven, perpetual intercession for His people, and personal visible return to earth. (Matthew 1:18-25 Luke 1:26-38 John 1:14-18 Romans 3:25, 9:5 1 Corinthians 15 Titus 2:13)

The Work of Christ

We believe that all people are sinners by nature and by choice and are, therefore, under condemnation. We believe that those who repent of their sins and trust in Jesus Christ as Savior are regenerated by the

Holy Spirit. (John 3:5-7 Romans 3:23-26 8:9-17 2 Corinthians 3:4-6 Ephesians 2:8-10 Titus 3:5 James 1:18 Peter 1:23)

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. (Genesis 1:1, 26 Deuteronomy 6:4 Isaiah 45:5-7 John 1:1,3 Ephesians 4:5-6 2 Corinthians 13:14)

The Holy Spirit

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the third person of the Trinity, who is now acting to convict the world of sin, righteousness, and judgment, and to regenerate, sanctify, and empower all who believe in Jesus Christ. We believe that the Holy Spirit indwells every believer in Christ, gives spiritual gifts for building up the church and is an abiding helper, teacher and guide. (John 3: 1-8, 16:4-15,15:16 1 Corinthians 3:10-13, 1 Corinthians 12, Ephesians 1:13-14 Galatians 5:16-25)

The Church

We believe that the true church comprises all who have been justified by God's grace through faith alone in Christ alone. They are united by the Holy Spirit in the body of Christ, of which He is the Head. The true church is manifest in local churches, whose membership should be composed only of believers. The Lord Jesus mandated two ordinances, baptism and the Lord's Supper, which visibly and tangibly express the gospel. Though they are not the means of salvation, when celebrated by the church in genuine faith, these ordinances confirm and nourish the believer. (Matthew 16:13-28 Acts 2:41-47 1 Corinthians 12:14 Hebrews 10:24-25)

Christian Living

We believe that God's justifying grace must not be separated from His sanctifying power and purpose. God commands us to love Him supremely and others sacrificially, and to live out our faith with care for one another, compassion toward the poor, and justice for the oppressed. With God's Word, the Spirit's power, and fervent prayer in Christ's name, we are to combat the spiritual forces of evil. In obedience to Christ's commission, we are to make disciples among all people, always bearing witness to the gospel in word and deed. (John 5:28-29 2 Corinthians 5:6-10 Matthew 25:31-46 Ephesians 2:10 4:17-5:21 Philippians 2:1-18)

Lifestyle and Marriage

We believe in the sanctity of marriage between one man and one woman. God instituted marriage as a unifying blessing bonding the male and female to share in the divine nature of God. Sexual intimacy is intended to be expressed only within marriage, and any sort of sexual activity outside of marriage is, by nature, sinful. We believe a homosexual lifestyle and same sex marriage are not consistent with Scripture. We believe those who feel their gender is other than their biological gender are denying reality rather than expressing their true identity. '[M]ale and female he created them' (Genesis 1:27).

We believe that Christians should approach all issues of sin with grace and humility. Our position is not one of ugly judgment, but recognition that God graciously wishes to protect us from the damage of sin despite our sins. We do not seek to condemn, but to call believers to a lifestyle that reflects God's best for His people.

(Genesis 1:26-30 Matthew 19:4-6 Mark 10:6-9 1 Corinthians 6:8-10)

Christ's Return

We believe in the personal and visible return of the Lord Jesus Christ to earth and the establishment of His kingdom. We believe in the resurrection of the body, the final judgment, the eternal joy of those in Christ, and the endless suffering of those who refuse Christ.

(1 Thessalonians 4:15-17 Matthew 24:36 2 Corinthians 5:6-8 1 John 3:2)

Response and Eternal Destiny

We believe that God commands everyone everywhere to believe the gospel by placing their faith and trust in the person and work of our Lord Jesus Christ. We believe that God will raise the dead bodily and judge the world, assigning the unbeliever to condemnation and eternal conscious punishment and the believer to eternal blessedness and joy with the Lord in the new heaven and the new earth, to the praise of His glorious grace. Amen.