

STATEMENT OF FAITH

Concerning God:

1. God is Spirit (John 4:24).
2. God is one (Mark 12:29) and has revealed Himself to us in three persons—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (2 Cor. 13:14)
3. God is Love (1 John 2:8, 16).
4. God the Father gave us His Son for salvation (John 3:16)
5. Jesus is the Son of God and the only Savior and Redeemer of a lost world (Acts 4:12).
6. The Holy Spirit is the Comforter of the believer, promised by the Father and given through His Son (John 15:26).

Concerning the Virgin Birth:

Jesus Christ, the Son of God, was born of a virgin (Gen. 3:15; Isa. 7:14; Jer. 31:22; Matt. 1:23, Luke 1:35).

The Bible:

We believe the Bible to be the only infallible, authoritative Word of God. We believe it to be divinely inspired in its entirety. We accept the same as the only infallible guide and rule of our faith and practice (2 Tim. 2:15; 2 Tim. 3:16, 17; 2 Peter 1:20-21).

Concerning Man:

1. Man was originally created in God's image (Gen. 1:26-27).
2. Man fell into sin and came under God's curse (Gen. 3:1-6; Rom. 5:12-14).
3. The natural man is therefore a sinner and a child of the devil (Ps. 14:3; Rom. 3:9-10; Eph. 2:2; 1 John 3:8-10; 1 John 5:19).

Concerning Salvation:

1. Jesus Christ has brought salvation and redemption to the world through His death and resurrection (Rom. 4:25; 1 Cor. 15:1-4; Gal. 1:4-5; Gal. 4:5; Col. 1:19-23; Heb. 2:14; 1 Pet. 2:24; 1 Pet. 3:18; Rev. 5:9).
2. Jesus Christ has brought healing to the sick through His blood (Isa. 53:5; 1 Pet. 2:24).
3. Jesus Christ has brought justification and sanctification to the believer (Rom. 5:1; Rom. 8:1; 1 Cor. 1:30; Gal. 2:20; Heb.10:10-14).
4. Jesus Christ is the mighty Baptizer in the Holy Spirit (Luke 24:48-49; Acts 1:5-8; Acts 2:1-13; Acts 10:44-46).
5. Jesus Christ shall soon come again to take His bride to Himself (Acts 1:11; 1 Thes. 4:14; 1 Thess. 4:16-17; Titus 2:13; Heb. 9:28).
6. Jesus Christ conditions our salvation into His Kingdom upon the new birth (John 3:3-16).
7. Jesus Christ, through the apostle Peter, tells us how to become members of His body (Acts 2:37-39).

Concerning the Holy Spirit:

1. The Holy Spirit is the promise of the Father, our Comforter, sent to convict the world of sin, place the believer in the Body of Christ, indwell the believer and bestow spiritual gifts to the Church (1 Cor. 12:1-7).
2. The Baptism of the Holy Spirit is for all believers as a definite empowerment for life and service subsequent to conversion, with one of the evidences being speaking in tongues (Acts 2:4; Acts 19:1,2 & 6; 1 Cor. 14).

Concerning Our Holy Life on Earth:

1. We should shun the works of the flesh (Gal. 5:19-21).
2. We should avoid carnality (1 Cor. 3:1-3) and pride (Phil. 4:8).
3. We should have a forgiving spirit (Matt. 18:23-35; Col. 3:13).
4. We should not yield to the natural love of selfish desires (John 12:24-25; Phil. 2:3)
5. We should bear fruit (John 15:5).
6. We should live a pure and holy life. The Bible teaches a life of holiness “without which no man shall see God”. Entire sanctification is the will of God for all believers, and should be earnestly pursued by walking in obedience to the Word of God. We are to forsake the

worldly evil according to Biblical concepts (Rom. 12:1,2; 1 Cor. 7:1; Eph. 5:18; 1 Thess. 5:23; 1 Pet. 1:15).

7. We should tithe and give offerings in accordance with scripture (Gen. 14:20; Num. 18:24; Mal. 3:8-10; Luke 11:42; 1 Cor. 16:1, 2; 2 Cor. 9:6, 7).
8. Military service shall be a matter of individual conscience. There are some who believe we should not participate in war. Their convictions are based on the following passages: Gen. 9:6; Matt. 26:51, 52; Rev. 13:10. Let all who hold this view be held in respect; however, we cannot close our eyes to other passages of Holy writings without losing objectivity (Acts 10:1, 2; Rom. 13:1-4). The Christian who is involved in warfare with an anti-Christian enemy is just as worthy of our prayers as the strictest conscientious objector, for he is walking in the light as he sees it.
9. We must obey God rather than man (Acts 5:29).
10. This church shall never tolerate from its platform or in its members: the teaching of Communism, Theosophy, Christian Science, Rullelism, Sabellianism (better known as the "Jesus Only" doctrine-baptism in Jesus' name and Final Restitutionism).

Concerning Ordinances:

1. Water Baptism. We believe that baptism in water should be by immersion in the name of the Father, the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, and shall be administered to only those who give evidence of being born again (Matt. 28:19; Acts 8:38; Rom. 6:4).
 - a. We do not believe in infant sprinkling (Mark 16:16) but encourage the parents to dedicate their children to the Lord.
2. The Lord's Supper. We believe that the Lord's Supper is to be observed by all believers. Each participant should examine his spiritual life before partaking. It is a memorial of our Lord's suffering and death and is to be observed "until He comes" (Luke 22:19-20; 1 Cor. 11: 26, 27).
3. We believe in praying for the sick, with the anointing of olive oil and laying on of hands by the elders, in accordance with James 5:14. An anointed cloth may be obtained, if so desired (Acts 19:12).