

Statement of Faith

The Word of God

We believe that "all Scripture is given by inspiration of God" ([2 Timothy 3:16](#)). We understand this to mean that the 66 books of the Holy Bible is inspired, in that holy men of God "were moved by the Holy Spirit" ([2 Peter 1:21](#)) to write the very words of Scripture. We believe that this divine inspiration extends equally and fully to all parts of Scripture as it appeared in the original manuscripts. We believe that the whole Bible in those original manuscripts is, therefore, without error. We believe that all Scripture centers around the Lord Jesus Christ in His person, work, and in His first and second coming. Therefore, no portion of the Old Testament is properly read or understood until it leads to Christ. We also believe that all Scripture was designed for our practical instruction. ([Luke 24:27, 44](#); [John 5:39](#); [Romans 15:4](#); [1 Corinthians 10:11](#); [2 Timothy 3:16](#))

The Trinity

We believe in the one true and living God, the Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, and Ruler of all things. He is infinite, eternal, and unchangeable, and is revealed to us as the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

God the Father:

God, as Father, reigns over all of His universe with providential care. He is all-powerful, all-loving, all-knowing, and all-wise. He is fatherly in attitude toward all mankind but is Father, indeed, to those who have become children of God through Jesus Christ, who will deliver them into the Father's hands. ([Genesis 1:1](#); [1 Chronicles 29:10](#); [Jeremiah 10:10](#); [Matthew 6:9](#); [Acts 1:7](#); [Romans 8:14-15](#); [1 Corinthians 8:6](#); [1 Corinthians 15:24](#); [Ephesians 4:6](#))

God the Son:

We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ, the eternal Son of God, became man without ceasing to be God, having been conceived of the Holy Spirit and born of a virgin, in order that He might reveal God and redeem all sinful people. He accomplished this redemption by voluntarily giving Himself as a sinless, substitutionary sacrifice on the cross, thereby satisfying God's righteous judgment against sin. After substantiating the accomplishment of that redemption and justification by His bodily resurrection from the grave, He ascended to the right hand of His Father, where He intercedes on behalf of those who trust Him. ([Luke 1:34-35](#); [John 1:1, 2, 14, 18](#); [Romans 3:24-26](#), [Romans 8:34](#))

God the Holy Spirit:

We believe that the Holy Spirit is the Divine Person who convicts the world of sin (righteousness and judgment); that the Spirit alone brings new life to those who are spiritually dead; through baptism, brings all believers into the one true Church, which is the Body of Christ; that indwells in them permanently, seals them unto the day of final redemption, bestows spiritual gifts upon them, and spiritually empowers those who are willing. Every believer is called to live in the power of the indwelling Holy Spirit so that they will not fulfill the lust of the flesh but will bear fruit to the glory of God. ([John 3:3-8](#); [14:16-17](#); [16:7-11](#); [1 Corinthians 12:7-11, 13](#); [Ephesians 4:30](#); [5:18](#))

Creation

We believe that mankind was created directly by and in the image of God. We believe that God created the heavens and the earth, including all life, by direct act. ([Genesis 1:1](#); [John 1:3](#); [Colossians 1:16-17](#))

Man

Although man was created in the image of God, he fell into sin and is lost. This is true of all men; and except a man be born again by the Holy Spirit, he cannot see the kingdom of God. ([Genesis 1:26-27](#); [John 3:3](#); [Romans 3:10, 23](#))

The Devil - Satan

We believe that Satan is a person, the author of sin, and the reason for the fall of man, and is destined to the judgment of an eternal punishment in the lake of fire. ([Matthew 4:1-3](#); [Acts 5:3](#); [2 Corinthians 4:4](#); [Revelation 20:10](#))

Atonement For Sin

We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures as a substitutionary sacrifice and that all who believe on Him are redeemed by His shed blood. We believe in the resurrection of the crucified body of our Lord Jesus Christ and in His ascension into heaven; He is our High Priest and Advocate. ([John 1:1-3, 14](#); [3:1-7](#); [Hebrews 10:4-14](#); [1 John 2:2](#))

Salvation

We believe that salvation is the gift of God's grace. It cannot be gained or made more secure by meritorious works, but is freely bestowed upon all who put their faith in the finished work of Jesus Christ at Calvary. All who so trust the Savior are forgiven of their sins and born into the family of God by the regenerating work of the Holy Spirit. ([John 1:12](#); [Acts 16:30-33](#); [Romans 10:9-10](#); [Ephesians 1:7](#); [2:8-9](#))

The Christian Walk

We believe that we have a holy calling to walk not after the flesh but after the Spirit, and so to live in the power of the indwelling Spirit in order that we will not fulfill the lust of the flesh. The flesh is never eradicated in this life. Individuals must choose to keep the flesh in subjection to Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit, or it will surely manifest its presence in life and dishonor our Lord. ([Romans 6:11-13](#); [8:2, 4, 12-13](#); [Galatians 5:16-23](#); [Ephesians 4:22-24](#); [Colossians 2:1-10](#); [1 Peter 1:14-16](#); [1 John 1:4-7](#); [3:5-9](#))

The Church

All believers are members of the body of Christ, the one true church universal. Spiritual unity is to be expressed among Christians by acceptance and love of one another across ethnic, cultural, socio-economic, national, generational, gender, and denominational lines. The local church is a congregation of believers who gather for worship, prayer, instruction, encouragement, mutual accountability, and community with each other. Through it, believers invest time, energy and resources to fulfill the Great Commission.

Baptism and the Lord's Supper

Christian baptism is the immersion of a believer in water in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. It is an act of obedience symbolizing the believer's faith in a crucified, buried, and risen Savior, the believer's death to sin, the burial of the old life, and the resurrection to walk in newness of life in Christ Jesus. It is a testimony to his faith in the final resurrection of the dead. Being a church ordinance, it is prerequisite to the privileges of church membership and to the Lord's Supper.

The Lord's Supper is a symbolic act of obedience whereby members of the church, through partaking of the bread and the fruit of the vine, memorialize the death of the Redeemer and anticipate His second coming.

The Great Commission

Until the return of Christ, it is the Christian's duty and privilege to seek the fulfillment of Christ's Great Commission and to minister in His name to a needy world by reaching lost people and growing them into fully devoted followers of Christ.. We are to be instruments of Jesus Christ as the Holy Spirit ministers redemption and reconciliation in the world.
([Matthew 25:31- 46](#); [28:18- 20](#))