

Statement of Faith



The Authority of the Bible

- We Believe the Bible, comprised of sixty-six books, is the only inspired Word of God, without error in the original manuscripts, and God's special revelation to mankind (Jn. 10:35; 2 Tim. 3:16; 2 Pet. 1:16-21)
- We Believe the Bible is the final authority and guide for all faith and practice. (Psa. 119:9-16, 105-112; Rom. 10:17; 2 Tim. 3:17)
- We Believe the Bible constitutes the divine rule by which all people will be held accountable. (Jn. 12:47-50)

The Triune God

- We Believe God is triune, eternally existing as one in essence, yet in three distinct persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. (Deut. 6:4; Matt. 3:16-17; 28:19; Jn. 17; 16:26)
- We Believe the Father, Son, and Spirit are equal in all power and authority. (Jn. 6:27; 20:28; 16:14)

The Deity and Humanity of Christ

- We Believe Jesus the Son is the second person of the Trinity. (Matt. 28:19; Lk. 3:21-22; Acts 5:3-5)
- We Believe Jesus is God incarnate, "God in the Flesh". (Jn. 1:1, 14; Rom. 9:5; Phil. 2:5-6)
- We Believe Jesus was conceived of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary as a real man; that He is fully God and fully Man. (Isa. 7:14; Matt. 1:18-25; Lk. 2:6-14; Gal. 4:4-5)
- We Believe this birth made Him the perfect substitute and atoning sacrifice for our sins. (Isa. 53:6; 2 Cor. 5:21)
- We Believe Jesus rose up from the grave on the third day. (Lk. 24:39; 1 Cor. 15:4)
- We Believe His resurrection is proof that all true believers will rise as well. (1 Cor. 15:20; Jn. 6:39)

The Creation and Fall of Humankind

- We Believe humankind was created in God's image. (Gen. 1:27; 2:7; 9:6)
- We Believe Adam rebelled against God and passed sin to all humankind. (Gen. 3; Rom. 5:12-14)
- We Believe sin has ruined humankind and creation, resulting in spiritual lostness, death, and our separation from God. (Gen. 3; Rom. 3:23; 5:12-21; 6:23 7:18; 8:19-23; Eph. 2:1-3)

The Salvation of the Lost

- We Believe salvation from sin comes by God's grace alone, through faith alone, on the sole basis of Jesus Christ's atoning death and victorious resurrection (Jn. 3:16; Rom. 3:23; 5:8; 6:23; Eph. 2:8-9; 1 Pet. 3:18)
- We Believe all who trust in Christ for salvation are forever declared justified in God's sight; that they will be progressively sanctified by the Word and the Spirit, and will ultimately be glorified (Rom. 3:22-8:32; 1 Pet. 1:3-5; Jn. 5:24).

The Church

- We Believe in one global Church under the headship of Jesus Christ and in the local church as the biblically ordained expression of the universal Church in localized assembly (Eph. 1:22-23; 2:11-22; 4:1-16; Col. 1:18).
- We Believe the Church is made up of all those who have received new life through faith in Christ and are thereby indwelt and sealed by the Holy Spirit. (Matt. 26:28; Luke 22:20; Acts 2:37-47; 6:14; Heb. 9:15-28)
- We Believe Christ has commissioned the Church and the Spirit has empowered the Church to share the Gospel with the whole world. (Matt. 28:19-20; Jn. 20:21; Acts 1:8)

The Literal Return of Christ to Earth

- We Believe Jesus Christ will come back to earth the way He left, in order to judge the living and the dead. (Acts 1:11; 17:30-31; 1 Thess. 4:13-18)
- We Believe the day of His return is not for us to know, but it could happen at any moment. (Mk. 13:33-37; 1 Thess. 5:1-6)

The Future Judgment

- We Believe God will assign people to their eternal destination in the last days. (Dan. 12:2; Jn. 5:28-29)
- We Believe those who refuse God's loving offer of salvation will be assigned to hell; a place of eternal torment and separation from relationship with God. (Matt. 5:29-30; Lk. 16:19-31; Rev. 20:10, 15)
- We Believe that only those who have placed their faith in God's promised Messiah, the Lord Jesus Christ, will be assigned to heaven. (Jn. 14:1-2; Rom. 4:1-8; Rev. 21:1-4)
- We Believe Christ's kingdom will never end and look forward to life in the world to come. (Isa. 65:17-25; Ezek. 47:12; Dan. 7:13-14; Rev. 21:1-22:6)