

Statement of Faith



We believe the Holy Bible is the revealed Word of God, the all-sufficient rule of faith and practice, and for the purpose of maintaining general unity, adopt the following statements as fundamental truth and doctrine.

The Scriptures

The scriptures, both Old and New Testaments, are the inspired Word of God to man through the Holy Spirit, revealing the will of God. It is the infallible, authoritative rule of faith and conduct for our journey through life (II Timothy 3:15-17; I Peter 1:23-25; Hebrews 4:12; Psalms 119:89; Matthew 5:18; Isaiah 40:8; I Thessalonians 2:13; II Peter 1:21).

The One True God

The one true God has revealed Himself as the eternally self-existent, self-revealing “I AM”, the Creator of heaven and earth and the Redeemer of mankind. He has further revealed Himself in three persons (the “Trinity”) embodying the principles of relationship and association as –the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, being co-equal. God the Father is greater than all; sender of the Word (Logos) and the Begetter. The Son is the Word flesh covered, the Begotten, and has existed with the Father from the beginning. The Holy Spirit proceeds forth from both the Father and the Son and is eternal (Deuteronomy 6:4; Isaiah 40:10-31; Isaiah 43:10-11; Mark 12:29; I Timothy 6:15-16; John 5:7; Matthew 28:19; Philippians 2:6; John 14:28; John 16:28; John 1:14; John 15:26; Luke 3:22; I Corinthians 8:6).

The Deity of the Lord Jesus Christ

We believe that Jesus, eternally with the Father, is the eternal Son of God. The scriptures declare that He took upon Himself the form of man, being born of a virgin, lived a sinless life and gave His life on the cross as the supreme sacrifice for our sins, purchasing our redemption with His blood. Being raised the third day from the dead, He ascended into heaven and is seated at God the Father’s right hand.

- 1.His virgin birth (Matthew 1:23; Luke 1:31, 35)
- 2.His sinless life (Hebrew 7:26)
- 3.His miracles (Acts 2:22; 10:38)
- 4.Resurrection from the dead (Matthew 28:6; Luke 24:39; I Corinthians 15:4)
- 5.His exaltation to the right hand of God (Acts 1:9, 11; 2:33; Philippians 2: 9-11; Hebrew 1:1-3)

The Fall of Man

Man was created in the likeness and image of God, for God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness . . .” However, because of Adam’s voluntary transgression, sin came into the world. As a result man incurred physical death and spiritual death, which is separation from God (Genesis 1:26, 27, 31; 2:17; 3:6; Psalms 8:4-8; Genesis 3:1-7; Romans 5:12-21; I Corinthians 15:21-22; II Corinthians 5:17).

The Salvation of Man

Man's only hope of redemption is through the shed blood of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. Salvation is the gift of God to man, separate from works and the law, and is made operative by grace through faith in Jesus Christ (Romans 10:9; II Corinthians 5:10).

The Ordinances of the Church

Baptism

The ordinance of baptism by immersion is commanded in the Scriptures and is for believers only. All who repent and believe in Christ as Savior and Lord are to be baptized. Thus they declare to the world that they have died with Christ and that they have also been raised with Him in newness of life. (Matthew 28:19; Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; Romans 6:3-5; Colossians 2:12; Acts 8:36, 38; Acts 16:14, 15; Acts 10:47, 48).

The Lord's Supper (Holy Communion):

The Lord's Supper, consisting of the elements – bread and fruit of the vine – is the symbol for expressing our sharing of the divine nature of our Lord Jesus Christ. Our Lord Himself instituted it and we are to observe it until He comes again. The bread and fruit of the vine are symbols of the broken body and shed blood of Jesus Christ, respectively, and is a memorial of His suffering and death and a prophecy of His second coming (II Peter 1:4; II Corinthians 11:26).

Tithing

We believe and teach the giving of ten percent of one's income to be an integral part of the Christian's walk with the Lord. Abraham paid tithes before the Law was given and in the New Testament, Christ affirmed the paying of tithes. God's blessing of prosperity is promised to those who tithe. Tithing demonstrates God's ownership in our lives (Genesis 28:22; Leviticus 27:30; II Chronicles 31:5; Malachi 3:8-10; Matthew 23:23; Luke 11:42; Hebrew 7:6-8).