

STATEMENT OF FAITH

We believe the Holy Scriptures of the Old Testament and the New Testament are the inerrant, inspired, and infallible Word of God in the original autographs. God's Word is the final authority for faith and life. (2 Timothy 3:16-17)

We believe there is only one God existing eternally in three persons: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. (Exodus 20:2-3; Deuteronomy 6:4; Matthew 28:19,20; Colossians 1:16-17; I Peter 1:2)

We believe man was created in the image of God, and the sin of Adam incurred not only physical but also spiritual death creating an eternal divide between God and man. Every person is born in sin. (John 3:1-21; Romans 3:10-23, 5:12)

We believe Jesus was born of the Virgin Mary and conceived by the Holy Spirit. Jesus became man without ceasing to be God. (John 20:31; Acts 16:31; Ephesians 2:8-9; Hebrews 9:22)

We believe that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures as a representative and substitutionary sacrifice, and that all who believe in Him are justified on the grounds of His shed blood. We believe that He rose bodily from the dead on the third day in the same body in which He suffered and died. We also believe that our Lord ascended into Heaven, that He is now seated on the right hand of the Father, and is our High Priest and divine Advocate with the Father. Our right standing with God is made sure because of His literal, physical resurrection. We believe the only way a person can have a true, forgiven relationship with God is through Jesus Christ's sacrifice on the cross. (Matthew 1:18-25; John 3:16, Roman 5:9; 1 Corinthians 15:3-4; I John 2:1)

We believe God offers eternal life as a free gift and that it must be received by faith alone through God's grace alone. The life that comes from this gift is a permanent possession of the one receiving it. (Ephesians 2:8-9)

We believe the church of the Lord Jesus Christ is a local body of believers with a commission to preach the gospel and to make disciples. The local church is autonomous, free of any external authority or control. (Acts 2:41-42; Ephesians 4:11-16)

We believe the Holy Spirit equips every believer for ministry in the body of Christ by bestowing gifts. However, some of the gifts, such as the sign gifts and revelatory gifts, were temporary and are not for the present day. (I Corinthians 13:8)

We believe baptism by immersion and the Lord's Supper are the two ordinances of the church. (I Corinthians 11:23-33; Colossians 2:9-13)

We believe in the literal, physical return of Jesus to judge the living and the dead. We believe in the bodily resurrection of the saved to eternal life, in the eternal security of the believer, of the ultimate eternal conscious joy of all who are redeemed, of the sentence to eternal hell in endless torment of the lost, of the eternal conscious punishment in the Lake of Fire for all who have rejected Jesus Christ. (John 5:28-29; Revelation 20:10-15, 21:3-4)