

Statement of Faith

Of the Scriptures

II Timothy 3:16,17; Isaiah 8:20

We believe that the Holy Bible, consisting of the Old and New Testament Scriptures, was written by men divinely inspired and is a perfect treasure of heavenly instruction; that it has God for its Author, salvation for its end, and truth without any mixture of error for its content; that it reveals the principles by which God will judge us and therefore is, and shall remain to the end of the world, the true center of Christian union and the supreme standard by which all human conduct, creeds, and opinions should be tried.

see also I Thessalonians 5:21; II Peter 1:21; Ezekiel 1:3; Hosea 1:1

Of God

John 4:24; Psalm 83:18; Exodus 15:11

We believe that there is one living and true God, an infinite, intelligent Spirit whose name is JEHOVAH, the Maker and Supreme ruler of Heaven and earth; that He is inexpressibly glorious in holiness and worthy of all possible honor, confidence, and love; that in the unity of the Godhead there are three persons - the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost - equal in every divine attribute and executing distinct but harmonious offices in the great work of redemption.

see also Matthew 28:19; Mark 12:30; John 10:30; Ephesians 2:18

Of the Fall of Man

Genesis 1:31; 3:6-24; Romans 5:19

We believe that man was created in holiness under the law of his Maker but by voluntary transgression fell from that holy and happy state, in consequence of which all mankind are now sinners by choice, being by nature utterly void of that holiness required by the law of God, inclined to evil, and therefore under condemnation to the eternal lake of fire without defense or excuse.

see also Genesis 1:26-27; Isaiah 53:6; Ezekiel 18:19,20; Romans 1:20

Of Jesus Christ

John 17:5,21; Hebrews 7:26

We believe that Jesus Christ was God come in human flesh; that He was born of a virgin, conceived by the Holy Spirit, sacrificing the independent exercise of His divine attributes that He might take upon Himself the form of a servant, subjecting Himself to the will of the Father and control of the Holy Spirit; that the shedding of His blood on the cross satisfied the demands of God's holiness offended by man's sin; that his death procured salvation for all mankind.

see also Revelation 19:13; 22:13; Luke 6:8; Colossians 1:16,17

Of the Holy Spirit

Hebrews 9:14; II Peter 1:21

We believe that the Holy Spirit is God; that He is of the same essence with the same power as the Father and the Son and is the third person of the Holy Trinity; that He can be tempted, lied to, grieved, resisted, insulted, and blasphemed; but a believer cannot lose the Holy Spirit

see also I Corinthians 2:10,11; Luke 1:35; Psalm 104:30; Acts 5:3,4

Of Justification

Acts 13:39; Romans 4:4,5; 5:1-2,9

We believe that the great gospel blessing, which Christ secures to such as believe in Him, is justification; that justification includes the pardon of sin and the promise of eternal life; that it is bestowed not in consideration of any works of righteousness which we have done, but solely through faith in the Redeemer's blood His righteousness is freely imputed to us of God; that justification brings us into a state of peace and favor with God for eternity.

see also Genesis 15:6, I Corinthians 6:11; Galatians 5:24

Of the Freeness of Salvation

Isaiah 55:1; John 5:40

We believe that salvation is offered to all by the Gospel; that it is the immediate duty of all to accept it by a penitent, and obedient faith; and that nothing prevents the salvation of the greatest sinner on earth but his own inherent depravity and voluntary rejection of the Gospel.

see also Luke 3:6; Acts 2:21; Romans 5:18; 10:13; Titus 2:11,12

Of Grace in Regeneration

John 3:3,8; II Cor. 5:17

We believe that, in order to be saved, sinners must be regenerated or born again; that regeneration consists in giving a holy disposition to the mind; that it is effected in a manner above our comprehension by the power of the Holy Spirit, in connection with divine truth, so as to secure our voluntary obedience to the Gospel; that its proper evidence appears in the holy fruits of repentance, faith, and newness of life.

see also Ephesians 5:9; Galatians 5:16-23; I Peter 1:22-25

Repentance and Faith

Mark 1:15; Acts 11:18

We believe that repentance and faith are sacred duties, and also inseparable graces, wrought in our souls by the regenerating Spirit of God, whereby being deeply convinced of our guilt, danger, and helplessness and of the way of salvation by Christ we turn to God with unfeigned contrition, confession, and supplication for mercy; and at the same time we heartily receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Prophet, Priest, and King, and rely on Him alone as the only and all-sufficient Saviour.

see also Ephesians 2:8,9; Acts 2:37,38; Romans 10:9,10

Of God's Purpose of Grace

II Timothy 1:8,9; 2:10

We believe that election is the eternal purpose of God, according to which He graciously regenerates, sanctifies, and saves sinners; that being perfectly consistent with the free agency of man, God's purpose comprehends all the means in connection with the end; that grace is a most glorious display of God's sovereign goodness, being infinitely free, wise, holy, and unchangeable; that grace utterly excludes boasting and promotes humility, love, prayer, praise, trust in God, and active imitation of His free mercy.

see also II Thessalonians 2:13,14; Exodus 33:18,19; II Peter 1:10,11

Of Sanctification

I Thessalonians 4:3; I John 2:29

We believe that sanctification is the process by which, according to the grace of God, we are made partakers of His holiness; that it is a progressive work; that it is begun in the hearts of believers by the presence and power of the Holy Spirit, the Sealer and Comforter, in the continual use of the appointed means - especially the Word of God, self-examination, self-denial, watchfulness, and prayer.

Of Separation

Romans 16:17; I Timothy 6:5; II John 2

We believe that current trends of theology that lead to discrediting the Bible and undermining the fundamentals of the faith, such as, Neo-Orthodoxy, New Age, and the Charismatic Movement are contrary to the clear teaching of Scripture and historic fundamentalism, and therefore should be avoided.

see also II Thessalonians 3:6; II Timothy 3:5

Of the Perseverance of Saints

John 3:31; I John 2:19

We believe that such only are real believers as endure unto the end; that their persevering attachment to Christ is the grand mark which distinguishes them from superficial professors; that a special Providence watches over their welfare; and that they are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

see also Roman 8:28; Philipians 1:6

Of the Harmony of the Law and the Gospel

Romans 3:31

We believe that the law of God is the eternal and unchangeable rule of His moral government; that it is holy, just, and good; that the inability which the Scriptures ascribe to fallen men to fulfill its precepts arises entirely from their love of sin; and that the one great end of the Gospel is to deliver them from this inability and to restore them, through a Mediator, to unfeigned obedience to the holy law and of the means of grace connected with the establishment of the visible church.

see also Romans 7:12; 8:2-4, 7-8

Of a Gospel Church

Matthew 18:17; 28:20; Titus 1

We believe that a visible church of Christ is a congregation of baptized believers, associated by covenant in the faith and fellowship of the Gospel, observing the ordinances of Christ, governed by His laws, and exercising the

gifts, rights and privileges invested in them by His Word; that its only Scriptural officers are bishops or pastors and deacons, whose qualifications, claims, and duties are defined in the Epistles to Timothy and Titus.

see also I Corinthians 1:1-13; 11:2; Acts 2:41-42; I Timothy 3

Of Baptism and the Lord's Supper

Acts 8:36-39

We believe that Christian baptism is the immersion in water of a believer, in the name of the Father, and Son, and Holy Ghost to show forth in a solemn and beautiful emblem our faith in the crucified, buried, and risen Saviour with its effect in our death to sin and resurrection to a new life. We believe that the Lord's Supper, in which the members of the church by sacred use of the bread and wine are to commemorate together the dying love of Christ, is to be preceded always by solemn self-examination.

see also John 3:22-23; Acts 2:41-42; Matthew 28:19; Romans 6:4

Of the Lord's Day

Acts 20:7; Psalm 118:24

We believe that the first day of the week is the Lord's Day and is to be kept sacred to religious purposes by abstaining from all secular labor, except works of mercy and necessity; by devout observance of all means of grace, both private and public; and by preparation for that rest which remaineth for all the people of God.

see also Hebrews 4:3-11; 10:24-25; Isaiah 58:13-14

Of Civil Government

Romans 13:1-7; Matthew 22:21

We believe that civil government is of divine appointment for the interests and good order of human society; and that magistrates are to be prayed for, conscientiously honored, and obeyed, except only in things opposed to the will of the Lord Jesus Christ, who is the only Lord of all conscience and the Prince of the kings of the earth.

see also Matthew 23:10; Acts 5:29

Of the Righteous and the Wicked

Malachi 3:18

We believe that there is a radical and essential difference between the righteous and the wicked; that such only as through faith are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and sanctified by the Spirit of our God are truly righteous in His esteem, which all such as continue in impenitence and unbelief are in His sight wicked and under the curse; and that this distinction hold among men both in and after death.

see also Romans 1:17; I John 5:19; Luke 16:25

Of the World to Come

We believe that the end of this age is approaching. We believe in “that blessed hope” - the personal, imminent return of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We believe in the bodily resurrection of the just and of the unjust, the everlasting blessedness of the saved, and the everlasting punishment of the lost.

I Peter 4:7; Acts 1:11; I Thessalonians 4:13-18; Acts 24:15; Matthew 24:31-46; Revelation 22:11