

STATEMENT OF FAITH

(1) **The Scriptures:** We believe that the Old and New Testaments comprise the totality of verbally inspired revelation from God to man, and that the original documents were inerrant in fact and infallible in truth. The sixty-six books of the Bible thus constitute the Word of God and are the believer's only rule for faith and living. (Isaiah 40:8; John 17:17; II Tim 3:16)

(2) **The Godhead:** We believe in the one living and true God, who is one in essence, but eternally existent in the three persons of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, each having the same nature and attributes. God is the creator of all things, and the source of all truth. He is separate from the world and universe, yet everywhere present as the sovereign ruler and sustainer of all things. (Gen 1:1; Gen 1:26-27; Is. 43:10, 13; Ex. 3:13, 14; Matt 28:19; Col. 1:17)

(3) **The Creation and Fall of Man:** We believe man was created in the image of God for the divine purpose of glorifying Him. But through Adam's original sin, man fell from his original state of innocence and became corrupt in nature. As a consequence, man is under the wrath of God and is eternally lost apart from salvation through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. (Gen. 3:1-24; John 3:16-18; Rom. 3:23; Rom. 4:12-21; Rom 6:23)

(4) **The Person and Work of Christ:** We believe that Jesus Christ, the second person of the Trinity, was the pre-existent, eternal son of God; that He was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary; that He was fully God and man, yet without sin; that His death on the cross fully satisfied God's divine justice and accomplished our redemption; that His bodily resurrection from the dead confirmed His deity and atoning work, and fully guaranteed the redemption of all who believe; that He is now seated at the right hand of God in heaven, where as High Priest He serves as Intercessor and Advocate for all believers, that He is the only Mediator between God and man, the Head of His body (the church), and the coming universal King. (Matt. 1:18; John 1:1-3, 14; Acts 4:12; Rom. 1:4; II Cor. 5:21; Eph. 1:1-14, 22; Col. 1:15; Col. 2:9; II Tim. 2:5; Heb. 4:14; Heb. 10-18; Rev. 12:5)

(5) **The Holy Spirit:** We believe that the Holy spirit, the third Person of the Trinity, began His work in this present age at Pentecost, when He came as promised by Christ. In relation to unbelievers, He convicts of sin, righteousness, and judgment; in relation to believers He regenerates, baptizes into the body of Christ, indwells, sanctifies, instructs, bestows gifts and empowers for service, and preserves to the day of redemption. (Matt. 28:19; John 14:26; John 16:7-15; Acts 1:5, 8; Acts 2:1-40; Rom. 8:9; I Cor. 12:4-14; Eph. 1:13, 14)

(6) **Salvation:** We believe that salvation is a gift of God's grace, and is received by personal faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, Totally apart from human merit or works. This salvation is evidenced by Christ-like character, righteous living, and good works, as the believer submits to the indwelling Holy Spirit, in obedience to the Word of God. (Gal. 5:22-23; Eph. 2:8-9; I Tim. 1:5; II Tim. 1:9; James 1:21-27)

(7) **The Church:** We believe that the church is the body of Christ, composed irrespective of denominational or organizational affiliation. Members of this spiritual body are directed in Scripture to associate together in local assemblies. The mission of the Church is to make disciples of all people and nations, and to bring them to maturity in Christ. (Matt. 28: 18-20, Cor. 12:13; Eph. 2:11-22; Eph. 4:11-16; Col. 1:28; Heb. 10:23-25)

(8) **Satan:** We believe that Satan exists today as the enemy of God and the accuser of God's people. He persistently seeks to counterfeit the works and truth of God. (Is. 14:12-14; Eze. 28:12-17; Acts 26:18; Eph. 6:10-13; Rev. 12:1-17; Rev. 19:17-21)

(9) **Future Things:** We believe in the personal return of the Lord Jesus Christ. We believe in the bodily resurrection of all the dead--the saved to eternal life, dwelling forever with Christ--the unsaved to everlasting judgment and condemnation. (Matt. 24:29-30; Acts 1:11; Rev. 20:1-6)

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