

Statement of Faith

(What we Believe)

The Holy Bible - We believe the Bible is the infallible Word of God, inspired by the Holy Spirit, and the final authority of truth. Both the old and new testaments are Holy scriptures, and the basis of our Christian faith. God has revealed Himself, His divine nature, His will, and His love to the world through it. 1 Thessalonians 2:13; 2 Timothy 3:15–17; Matthew 24:35; John 3:16

One True God - We believe that there is one true and living God, eternally existent in three persons: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

Deuteronomy 6:4; John 10:30; Genesis 1:26; 1 John 5:7; Genesis 1:1-2; Hebrews 1:2; Matthew 3:16-17

Jesus Christ (our Lord) - We believe in the deity of Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, His sinless life, all of His miracles, in His substitutionary and atoning death through His shed blood on the cross, in His bodily resurrection, His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and in His personal return in power and glory. Matthew 1:23; John 1:1–4, 29; Acts 1:11; Acts 2:22–24; Romans 8:34; 1 Corinthians 15:3–4; 2 Corinthians 5:21; Philippians 2:5–11; Hebrews 1:1–4; Hebrews 4:15

The Holy Spirit - We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit on earth, He is equal with the Father and the Son. He is the Spirit of truth, and He convicts the world of sin, righteousness and judgment, and His indwelling and presence guides, teaches and empowers Christians to live a godly life. John 3:5–8; John 16: 7-15; Acts 1:8; Acts 4:31; Romans 8:9; 1 Corinthians 2:11-16; Galatians 5:16–18; 22-25

Salvation - We believe that salvation is the saving/redemption of mankind from the ultimate consequence of sin (death and eternal separation from God), which is solely the gift of God by grace through faith in the death of Jesus Christ and His bodily resurrection. This is not a result of good works. It's available to those who believe, confess, repent of their sins, and follow Jesus. All people will face final judgment by God. Believers to eternal life with God in heaven, and unbelievers to eternal punishment apart from God in hell. Ephesians 2:8,9; Romans 10:9-10; Matthew 4:17; Acts 3:19; 1 John 1:9; Matthew 25:32-46; 2 Cor.5:10

Creation - We believe the account of God's creation as written in the book of Genesis. God spoke and created the universe and all humanity by His spoken Word. All things were created by God. Genesis 1:1-31; Genesis 2:1-9; John 1:1-4; Hebrews 1:2-3; Colossians 1:16; Romans 1:20

The Church - We believe that all true believers in Christ are members of His body, also called the Church. We also believe in the spiritual unity of believers, and that Jesus prayed to His Father for unity for us. We believe that believers should gather regularly together to worship & pray, just as the early church did. 1 Corinthians 12:12-14, 27; Ephesians 1:22–23; Acts 2:42; John 17:6-26; Ephesians 4:2-6; Psalm 133

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Christian Life – We believe that we should dedicate and devote ourselves to prayer, worship, study of God's word, to service of our Lord, and to the ministry of evangelism and discipleship. We should also affirm His authority in and over our lives, and participate in fulfilling & finishing the Great Commission. We believe that the ministry of evangelism (sharing and proclaiming the message of salvation only possible by grace through faith in Jesus Christ), and discipleship (helping followers of Christ grow up into maturity in Christ) is a responsibility of all followers of Jesus Christ.

Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 1:8; Romans 10:9-15; 1 Peter 3:15; Mark 16:15-16; Luke 24:46-48; Acts 2:42-47

Marriage - We believe God's plan for human sexuality is to be expressed only within the context of marriage, and that God designed marriage as a unique covenantal relationship joining one genetic male and one genetic female in an exclusive, lifelong union. God instituted monogamous marriage between a male and a female as the foundation of the family, and the basic structure of human society. Genesis 2:24; Matthew 19:5–6; Mark 10:6–9; Romans 1:26–27; 1 Corinthians 6:9

Gender - We that believe God immutably creates each person as a male or female. These two distinct but complementary sexes (genders) reflect the image and natures of God. A person that rejects one's biological sex is a rejection of God's wonderful design and created order for them. Genesis 1:26–27; Mark 10:6; 1 Corinthians 6:9-10; Romans 1:24-32

Value of Human Life - We believe that all human life is sacred from conception to its' natural end. As beings that are created in the image of God, we must have compassion and concern for the physical and spiritual needs of His image bearers, regardless of race, gender or social class. Jeremiah 1:5; Job 31:15; Psalm 139:13-14; Matthew 22:37–39

Humanity - We believe that men everywhere are lost and face the judgment of God, and that Jesus Christ is the only way of salvation; and that for lost and sinful man, repentance of sin and confessing one's faith in Jesus Christ results in salvation and regeneration by the Holy Spirit. We believe that all men are deemed worthy of God's love, and that He desires that none perish but all come to repentance for their salvation. 2 Peter 3:9; Luke 15:7-10; John 14:6; Acts 4:12; Romans 3:23; Ephesians 2:8–9; Titus 3:4–7; Romans 10:9-10

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