

STATEMENT OF FAITH

- 1) "All Scripture is God-breathed"; in its entirety the Bible is God's Word without error in its original manuscripts and is the final authority in all matters of faith and practice (2 Tim 3:16-17; 2 Pet 1:21).
- 2) The one living and true God eternally exists in three distinct persons - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit - and these three possess the same nature, attributes, and glory (Deut 6:4; Matt 28:19; John 1:1,14; 10:30).
- 3) Humanity, designed biologically as male and female, was created directly by God, and by disobedience fell into sin. Therefore, men and women are liable to eternal punishment and cannot save themselves (Gen 1:26; 2:17; Rom 3:23; Heb 9:27; Eph 2:1-3; Rev 20:11-15). Creation's original marriage design was/is between a man and a woman, and the resulting children were/are, by their very nature, male and female (Gen 1:27-28).
- 4) Jesus Christ is God the Son; through His virgin birth, true humanity and undiminished deity were united in one person forever (John 1:1,14; 1 Tim 2:5-6; Heb 1:1-3).
- 5) The Lord Jesus Christ died upon the cross as a full and perfect substitutionary sacrifice for sins, and His bodily resurrection and ascension to heaven marks Him as Lord of all (Matt 20:28; 2 Cor 5:21; 1 Pet 2:24; 3:18; Phil 2:9-11; 1 Cor 15:3-4).
- 6) Salvation is entirely of God's grace through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ alone. The believer is forgiven, regenerated, given eternal life, and unfailingly kept by the power of God to salvation on the sole basis of faith in Christ as personal Savior (Eph 2:8-9; Rom 3:24-25; John 10:27-30; 1 Pet 1:5; John 5:24).
- 7) God the Holy Spirit has united all believers to Christ's death, burial, and resurrection by Spirit baptism, and He indwells all believers to glorify the Lord Jesus Christ and guarantees their ultimate salvation (1 Cor 12:13; John 7:37-39; 14:16-18; Acts 1:8; Rom 8:9; Eph 1:13-14).
- 8) Spirit baptism enables and empowers the believer to be transformed through the process of sanctification; i.e., being made holy or set apart unto God and for His service. This applies to every aspect of the believer's life, including but not limited to marriage, family life, sexual expression, witness in the world, spiritual disciplines, and the believer's general transformation from the works of the flesh to the fruit of the Spirit (John 17:17; Eph 5:22-31; Gal 5:18-24).
- 9) The Church is composed of all true believers, and the Lord Jesus Christ is the only head of His church (1 Cor 12:13; Eph 1:22; 4:11-14; 5:23).
- 10) A local church is under the direct authority of the Lord Jesus Christ through His Word, and in obedience to Him it is to practice believer's baptism and the Lord's Supper as ordinances. Elders are appointed to shepherd God's people (Eph 1:22-23; Matt 28:18-20; 1 Cor 11:23-34; Acts 20:28).
- 11) The personal return of the Lord Jesus Christ for His church is imminent; He shall then reign in glory upon the earth, and those who have trusted in the Lord Jesus Christ for salvation shall enjoy eternal blessing in heaven (Matt 24; 1 Thess 5:1-2; Rev 21-22).
- 12) Believers live in the world under the mandate of the Great Commission which calls us to bear witness to the Lord Jesus Christ in all the world (Matt 28:18-20; Acts 1:8).