

STATEMENT OF FAITH

We Believe By Faith

THE SCRIPTURES: We believe that the bible is the inspired Word of God and is inerrant. The Bible, being the revealed Word of God, is the foundation from which all claims of truth shall be substantiated (II Timothy 3:16-17, II Peter 1:12).

GOD: We believe that there is only one true and living God existing in three persons- *Father, Son and Holy Spirit*. Each is a distinct person, but all of one essence, and all having the same nature, perfection, and attributes, confidence, and obedience (Genesis 1:1-3,26; Matthew 3:16,17; John 1:1,14; John 10:30, 14:26, 15:26; Mathew 28:19).

JESUS CHRIST: We believe that Jesus Christ is the son of God, begotten by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary. We believe He shed his blood on Calvary in our place, was buried, rose again and ascended to the Father according to Scriptures (Luke 1:35) (Luke 23:44-24:12).

HOLY SPIRIT: We believe that the Holy Spirit is the third person of the trinity, co-existent with the Father and Son. The Holy Spirit is the regeneration of the soul; the convictor of sin, and the comforter to the believer. Simultaneous with regeneration, the Holy Spirit baptizes the believer into the Body of Christ, permanently indwells him, and seals him in salvation for all eternity. (John 16:1-13).

MAN: We believe that all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God, and are in need of the Savior, Jesus Christ. (Romans 3:23; I John 1:8, 10; Romans 5:7-9; John 14:6).

SALVATION: We believe that all who receive the Lord Jesus as Savior by faith are born again by the Holy Spirit and thus become the children of God. Salvation involves redemption, regeneration, sanctification, and glorification (John 8:41-45; Romans 10:9, 10; Romans 5:7-11; Colossians 1:13, 14; John 17:16—22; II Corinthians 5:17, I Corinthians 6:19; Romans 8:14-17; Galatians 4:6,7).

THE PRIEST HOOD OF THE BELIEVER: We believe in the priesthood of all believers so that every Christian has direct access to God in prayer through Jesus Christ, our great High Priest, and is the only mediator between God and man. (I Peter 2:9, 10; Hebrews 4:14- 5:2).

SECURITY OF THE BELIEVER: We believe that salvation is not only a gift from the Lord, but also sustained by the Lord. Therefore, since salvation is wholly of the Lord, apart from the works of man, we hold that the believer shall be kept by the power of God through the Holy Spirit through faith, unto eternal salvation (Ephesians 2:8-10; Philippians 1:6; John 3:16; John 10:27-19).

SATAN: We believe that Satan was originally created a perfect being. He rebelled against God. As a result, he became depraved and the adversary of God's people, and leader of a host of angels who fell with him. Satan has been judged and defeated at the cross and awaits his ultimate doom at the Second Advent of Jesus Christ (Ezekiel 28:14-19, Isaiah 14:12-15)

ORDINANCES: We believe the local church observes two ordinances, water baptism and the Lord's Supper. We believe that all who receive Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord should be baptized by immersion into water. Baptism is symbolic of Christ's death, burial and resurrection. The Lord's Supper should be observed in remembrance of Him to show forth His death for our sins until He comes again (Matthew 28:18-20; I Corinthians 11:17-34).