

# Statement of Faith

#### God

There is one God, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. These three are co-equal and co-eternal. (Genesis 1:26, Isaiah 9:6, Matthew 3:16-17, Luke 1:35, 1 John 5:7)

#### The Father Is Fully God

His Fatherhood is eternal and personal. He is the Father of the Lord Jesus and of all who believe in Christ. (Ephesians 3:14-15)

#### The Son is Jesus Christ

He was sent to the earth by the Father. On earth, Jesus was fully God and fully man. He is the only man ever to have lived a sinless life. He was born of a virgin, died on the cross for humankind, and paid the penalty for our sins through the shedding of His blood. He rose from the dead on the third day, ascended to the right hand of the Father, and will return in power and glory. (John 1:1 &14, John 20:28, Philippians 2:5-6, 1 Timothy 2:5; 3:16)

#### The Holy Spirit

He is equal in deity and person with God the Father and God the Son. He makes people aware of their need for Jesus Christ, performs the miracle of the new birth, and comes to live in every Christian the moment they trust in Jesus Christ. His life inside believers fills them with God's power and gifts. (John 16:5-15, Acts 1:8, 1 Corinthians 12:8-10)

### The Holy Bible

The Holy Bible, and only the Bible, is the authoritative Word of God. It alone is the final authority for determining all doctrinal truths. In its original writing, the Bible is inspired, infallible and inerrant. (Romans 12:25, 2 Timothy 3:16, 2 Peter 1:20-21)

## Man, His Fall & Redemption

Man is a created being, made in the likeness and image of God, but through Adam's transgression and fall, sin came into the world. "all have sinned and come short of the glory of God." "As it is written, there is none righteous, no, not one." Jesus Christ, the Son of God, was manifested to undo the work of the devil and gave His life and shed His blood to redeem and restore man back to God. (Hebrews 9:27, Revelation 19:20)

#### Salvation

Salvation is the gift of God to everyone, separate from works and the law, and is made operative by grace through faith in Jesus Christ, producing works acceptable to God. Our first step toward salvation is godly sorrow that leads to repentance. The New Birth is necessary to all of us, and when experienced produces eternal life. (Ephesians 2:8, 2 Corinthians 7:10, 1 John 5:12; John 3:3-5)

#### Water Baptism

Baptism in water by immersion, is a direct commandment from Jesus, and is for believers only. The ordinance is a symbol of the Christian's identification with Christ in His death, burial, and resurrection. (Matthew 28:19, Romans 6:4)

### The Return of Our Lord

The angels said to Jesus' disciples, "...this same Jesus...shall so come in like manner as you have seen Him go into heaven." His coming is imminent. When He comes, "...the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air...".

(Acts 1:11, 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17)