

Statement of Faith

1. The Word of God

We believe that the Bible, both Old and New Testaments, is the inspired, infallible, inerrant Word of God. It is the final authority in all matters of faith and practice. We believe the Bible was written by human authors under the direct inspiration of the Holy Spirit and is free from error in its original manuscripts. We affirm the King James Version as our preferred English translation, as it remains faithful to the original texts and has been divinely preserved.

2. God

We believe in one God, eternally existing in three persons: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. These three are coequal, coeternal, and of one essence. God is the Creator of all things, sovereign over the universe, and is perfect in holiness, justice, love, and truth.

3. Jesus Christ

We believe that Jesus Christ is the eternal Son of God, fully God and fully man. He was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, and lived a sinless life. We believe in His vicarious atonement through His death on the cross, His literal bodily resurrection, His ascension into heaven, and His present ministry of intercession. Jesus Christ is the only mediator between God and man, and salvation is found solely through His sacrifice and grace.

4. The Holy Spirit

We believe in the personal work of the Holy Spirit, who convicts the world of sin, righteousness, and judgment. The Holy Spirit indwells believers, empowering them to live a godly life, to witness for Christ, and to serve in the church. We believe in the baptism of the Holy Spirit, which occurs at the moment of salvation and enables the believer to live a victorious Christian life. Spiritual gifts are to be exercised in accordance with God's Word and for the edification of the body of Christ.

5. Humanity

We believe that mankind was created in the image of God, but through Adam's disobedience, sin entered into the world, resulting in the fall of humanity. All human beings are sinners by nature and by choice and are in need of redemption. We believe that all people are morally accountable to God and that salvation is available to all who repent and trust in the Lord Jesus Christ.

6. Salvation

We believe that salvation is a gift of God's grace, available to all who place their faith in the finished work of Jesus Christ on the cross. It is by grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone. Salvation is not based on works, but on God's mercy, and is received through repentance and faith. Every believer is eternally secure in their salvation, kept by the power of God.

7. The Church

We believe in the local New Testament church, which is an assembly of baptized believers who gather for worship, instruction, fellowship, and the administration of the ordinances. The church exists to fulfill the Great Commission by preaching the Gospel, making disciples, and equipping believers for service. We affirm the autonomy of the local church, its authority under Christ, and its obligation to practice biblical church discipline. The two ordinances of the church are Baptism by immersion for believers and the Lord's Supper, which are symbols of the believer's identification with Christ's death, burial, and resurrection.

8. The Return of Christ

We believe in the literal, visible, and imminent return of the Lord Jesus Christ to rapture His church, followed by a period of tribulation on earth. We believe in the millennial reign of Christ on earth, where He will establish His kingdom. After this period, there will be a final judgment for all people, leading to eternal life for the redeemed and eternal punishment for the lost.

9. Separation

We believe in the biblical doctrine of separation, which calls believers to live lives of holiness and to separate themselves from worldly influences that dishonor God. This includes both personal separation from sin and doctrinal separation from false teaching, particularly from ecumenical movements and false religions.

10. The Family

We believe that God ordained marriage as a lifelong union between one man and one woman. We believe that the family is the foundational institution of society, and that parents are responsible for the godly training and nurturing of their children in the ways of the Lord. We affirm that children should be taught the Word of God and raised in a home that honors Christ.

11. The Eternal State

We believe in the eternal existence of all human beings. Those who have trusted in Christ as Savior will spend eternity with God in heaven, experiencing joy, peace, and fellowship with Him. Those who have rejected Christ will be separated from God in hell, experiencing eternal punishment. We believe that all

people will be resurrected, with believers receiving glorified bodies and unbelievers facing final judgment.

Conclusion

We are committed to upholding these truths, proclaiming the Gospel, and living according to the Word of God. We seek to honor Christ in all we do, to grow in His grace, and to serve His kingdom with faithfulness. May God be glorified in all things, as we strive to live according to His will.