

STATEMENT OF FAITH

1. THE BIBLE

The Bible is God's word to us. It is infallible and without error and is our final authority in matters of doctrine and lifestyle. (2 Timothy 3:16-17; 2 Peter 2:21)

2. GOD

God is one but exists in three persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Each is eternal existent, one in essence, possessing the same nature and attributes. They do, however, have different roles, functions and activities. (Deuteronomy 6:4; Matthew 28:19)

3. JESUS

Jesus is fully God and without sin. When he died on the cross He died in the place of fallen humanity as their representative. He rose from the grave to give evidence of His victory over sin and Satan and He is now at the Father's right hand as our Intercessor. (John 1:1; 1 John 5:20; Luke 1:35; Matthew 1:20; 1 Peter 1:19-19; Romans 4:25)

4. THE HOLY SPIRIT

The Holy Spirit indwells every believer and is at work confirming his or her relationship with God, and giving power for victory over sin. (John 14:16-18; 16:8-14; Ephesians 4:30; 5:8)

5. SIN AND SALVATION

Men and women were created in the image of God (Genesis 1:27) but because of the sin of Adam and Eve all mankind has fallen under the curse of sin. Everyone is separated from God, sinful by nature and by practice, and is in need of the salvation provided by God in Jesus. This salvation is a gift of God's grace, is received by simply believing in Him, and makes the believer secure eternally. (Romans 3:23; 1 Peter 1:5; Titus 3:5)

6. THE CHURCH

The Church is God's vehicle to bring the Good News of God's salvation to our world. It is comprised of all persons who have received God's free gift of salvation in Jesus. These persons are united together in a true community, a unity based on common life in Christ.

The purpose of the church is to glorify God on earth, make disciples and provide an environment of spiritual growth for those who embrace the Christian faith. (Matthew 28:19-20; Ephesians 1:22-3)

7. CHURCH ORDINANCES

The church carries out two symbolic acts, which significantly reflect our Christian faith.

Baptism by immersion signifies a Christian's identification with Jesus in His death, burial and resurrection. (Romans 6:1-4; Colossians 2:12)

Communion is carried out by a regular sharing of bread and grape juice, symbolic of salvation accomplished and made available by Jesus' death. (1 Corinthians 11:23-26)

8. JESUS' RETURN

When Jesus comes back, His coming will usher in a series of end-time events, which will culminate in the end of the age. His promise to return is an incentive for holy living and faithful service. (John 14:1-6; 1 Thessalonians 4:14-18; Acts 1:11; Titus 2:13)