



# OUR STATEMENT OF FAITH

## THE SCRIPTURES

The Bible is the inspired Word of God, and thus is both inerrant and infallible. The Bible is the sole and complete authority for the believer in all matters of faith and practice. The Bible has been preserved by God for us today. 2 Tim. 3:16–17; 2 Pet. 1:21; Matt. 5:18; 1 Cor. 2:13

## MAN

Mankind was created in the image of God. Yet, man chose to sin. Sin and its penalty of death were then passed to everyone. Sin permeates every aspect of man's being. The eternal consequences of sin are dealt with at salvation, and the believer restores fellowship with God through confession of sins. Man's chief purpose and highest good in this world is to receive God's gift of salvation, and then serve God in anticipation of future glorification. Gen. 2:18–24; Rom. 3:9–19; Eph. 2:1–3; 2 Cor. 6:14–18; Rom. 1:1

## SALVATION

As a result of the Fall, mankind stands guilty and condemned before God and deserves hell. But God, by His mercy and grace, offered the free gift of salvation through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ. Salvation is found by grace alone through faith alone in Christ alone. Once a believer places his faith in Christ, he is eternally secure in his salvation. Matt. 25:41; John 3:16; Rev. 20:15; John 10:27–28; Eph. 2:8–10

## GOD

We believe in one triune God, eternally existing in three (3) persons: FATHER, SON, AND HOLY SPIRIT. They are co-equal in being, co-identical in nature, co-equal in power and glory, and have the same attributes and perfections (Deuteronomy 6:4; II Corinthians 13:14; John 1:1, 14; Acts 5:1–5; Colossians 1:15–19; Hebrews 1:8).





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## **JESUS CHRIST**

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Jesus Christ is God in the flesh. His death on the cross provided the perfect sacrifice for sin, and His bodily resurrection assures the believer of a future with God. He is presently exalted in heaven and will physically return to rule and reign over all His creation. John 1:14; 1 Cor. 15:1-4; 1 Thess. 4:13-18, 5:9

## **THE HOLY SPIRIT**

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The Holy Spirit is God, the third person of the Trinity. He was active in the creation of the world, inspired the Scriptures, and enables the believer for effective service. He brings conviction of sin, effects regeneration, and is actively involved in the sanctification process. John 3:5-6; Eph. 1:13-14; Eph. 5:18

## **THE CHURCH**

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1. We believe that the Church, which is the Body of Christ, and the Bride of Christ, is a spiritual organism made up of all born-again persons of this present age (Ephesians 1:22-23, 5:25-37; I Corinthians 12:12-14; II Corinthians 11:2).
2. We believe that the establishment and continuance of local churches are clearly taught and defined in the New Testament (Acts 14:27, 20:17, 28:30-31; I Timothy 3: 1-13; Titus 1:5-11).

## **END TIMES**

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We believe in the "BLESSED HOPE," the personal, imminent, pre-tribulational, and pre-millennial coming of the Lord Jesus Christ for His redeemed ones; and in His subsequent return to earth with His saints to establish His millennial Kingdom (I Thessalonians 4:13-15; Zechariah 14:4-11; Revelation 10-11-16, 20:1-6; I Thessalonians 1:10, 5:9; Revelation 3:10)