



Statement of Faith

Holy Scripture

We believe the Bible to be the written revelation of God, complete in its 66 books and sufficient in all respects. We believe the Scriptures to be "God-breathed" and therefore fully authoritative in and of themselves; they rely for their authority upon no church, council or creed, but are authoritative simply because they are the Word of God. The Scriptures, as they embody the very speaking of God, partake of His authority and His power.

(Matthew 5:18; Luke 24:27; Acts 17:11; Romans 4:17; 2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:20; Jude 3)

God

We believe in one true and eternal God, unchanging, unchangeable. We believe God is the Creator of all that exists in heaven and in earth. The God who is described in the Bible is unique; He is unlike anyone or anything else in the entire universe. God has all power, all knowledge, and all wisdom and is due all glory, honor and praise. All that comes to pass does so at the decree of God. All things will, in the end, result in the glory of God.

(Genesis 1:1-2:7; Psalm 8, 19, 24, 29; Isaiah 40:28; Romans 8:28; Hebrews 13:8)

The Trinity

We believe that there is only one God; one in essence yet existing in three distinct Persons namely the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Each person is fully and completely God.

(Genesis 1:26; Deuteronomy 6:4; Jeremiah 10:10; Matthew 3:16-17, 28:19-20; John 8:19,58, 14:7-11)

Man

We believe that man was created in the image of God. Man rebelled against His Creator and fell into sin. As a result, man became spiritually dead, totally unwilling and indeed incapable of seeking after God. God, from eternity past, having foreordained all things, joined a certain people to Christ Jesus, so that He might redeem them from their sin and in so doing bring glory to Himself. Jesus Christ, the Son of God, died in the place of this elect people, providing full and complete forgiveness of sins by His death upon the cross of Calvary.

No other work can provide for forgiveness of sins, and no addition can be made to the completed and finished work of Christ.

(Genesis 1:26, 3:6-7; Romans 1:20, 3:10-12, 5:6-11; Galatians 5:2-6; Ephesians 1:3-12; Philippians 3:7-11)

Election – Regeneration – Justification - Salvation - Sanctification

We believe that God, in His sovereign grace and mercy, regenerates sinful men by the power of the Holy Spirit, not by any action of their own, bringing them to new life. God grants to them the gifts of faith and repentance, which they then exercise by believing in Christ and turning from their sins in love for God. As a result of this faith, based upon the sacrifice of the Lord Jesus Christ, God justifies or makes righteous the one who believes. God's gift of faith, and the continuing work of the Holy Spirit in the lives of the elect, results in good works. These good works flow from true, saving faith; they are a necessary result of faith, but are not to be considered necessary to the gaining of justification, which is by God's grace through faith alone, so that no man can boast. The Lord uses secondary means such as trials, tribulations, discipline, confrontation, preaching and sufferings to conform believers into the image of Christ till we see Him face to face.

(John 6:44; Acts 16:14; Ephesians 2:8-10; Philippians 1:6, 2:12-13; James 2:14-26)

The Church

We believe Jesus Christ established His Church, which is made up of all the elect of God. His Church, as an obedient bride, listens to His Word as found in the Bible. All who believe in Christ are placed in His body, the Church. Believers should bear each other's burdens in the bond of love, exercising the fruits of the Spirit. The local fellowship should be overseen by a plurality of elders who equip, edify, discipline, teach, encourage, exhort, rebuke and guard their flock in an intimate and personal manner. The local expressions of the Church are very important, and each believer should be actively involved in such a fellowship as a member of Christ's loving family.

(Matthew 16:18, 18:15-20; John 14:15; Acts 2:47, 14:23; 1 Corinthians 13:13; Galatians 5:14-6:5; 1 Timothy 3:1-7, 5:17; Titus 1:5-16)

Last Things

We believe that Christ is coming again to judge the living and the dead. This promise is found throughout the inspired Scriptures. Till His return, believers are to live lives that bring glory to God through Jesus Christ. The Church is to be busy doing the work of evangelism and discipleship, proclaiming the pure, uncompromised Gospel of Christ by preaching and teaching the Word of God.

(Zechariah 14:4-9; Matthew 24:30-31; John 5:25-29; 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17; 2 Thessalonians 1:7-10)