

Statement of Faith

SO NOW YOU ARE NO LONGER STRANGERS AND FOREIGNERS.

....YOU ARE MEMBERS OF GOD'S FAMILY. EPHESIANS 2:19 (NLT)

We believe that the Bible is the inspired word of God. We believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, that He chose to die for the redemption of the world, and in the historic fact of His bodily resurrection. We believe in the presence and power of the Holy Spirit for renewing and empowering the believer. We believe in the return of Jesus Christ for those who have committed their lives to Him.

WE BELIEVE:

The Scriptures are Inspired by God and declare His design and plan for people. (2 Timothy 3:15,17; 1 Thessalonians 2:13; 2 Peter 1:21).

There is only One True God—revealed in three persons...Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (Deuteronomy 6:4; Isaiah 43:10,11; Matthew 28:19; Luke 3:22).

In the Deity of the Lord Jesus Christ. As God's son, Jesus was both human and divine. The Scriptures declare:

- His virgin birth (Matthew 1:23; Luke 1:31,35).
- His sinless life (Hebrews 7:26; 1 Peter 2:22).
- His miracles (Acts 2:22,10:38).
- His substitutionary work on the cross (1 Corinthians 15:3; 2 Corinthians 5:21).
- His bodily resurrection from the dead (Matt 28:26; Luke 24:39; 1 Corinthians 15:4).
- His exaltation to the right hand of God (Acts 1:9,11; 2:33; Philippians 2:9-11; Hebrews 1:3).

Though originally “very good,” **Man Willingly Fell to Sin**—opening the door to evil and death, both physical and spiritual, into the world.

Every Person Can Have Restored Relationship with God through trusting Christ to be our personal Savior, through faith and repentance, we are adopted into God’s family. (Luke 24:47, John 3:3, Romans 10:13-15, Ephesians 2:8, Titus 2:11, Titus 3:5-7)

The Empowerment of the Holy Spirit; All believers are promised and should pursue this third person of the Trinity, the Holy Spirit. His presence in our lives bring power to represent Christ in life and service, spiritual gifts, and their uses in the work of the ministry and daily life. (Lk 24:49; Acts 1:4,8; I Corinthians 12:1-31)

We Are a Work in Progress - The Sanctification Process of Each Believer - Sanctification is the process of leaving our sinful lives behind and being renewed by the Spirit day by day. This process begins with salvation and is a progressive deliverance from the bondages of Satan and a continual walk into the freedom that is from God. (Ro 12:1,2; I Thessalonians 5:23; Hebrews 13:12, Hebrews 12:14. 1Pe 1:15,16, Ro 6:1-11,13; 8:1,2,13; Gal 2:20)

The Church and Its Mission: The Church is the body of Christ, the collective of all believers who are born again of the Spirit. Its mission is to be a Spirit-empowered community experiencing authentic relationships with God and one another; bringing the influence of God's kingdom to earth as it is in heaven. (1 Corinthians 12:13, Exodus 33:16, John 17:3, Acts 2)

The Return of Christ and A Final Judgement At this future moment in time all believers who have died will rise and meet the Lord together in the air, those who remain will be caught up with them, to be with the Lord forever. God, who's throne is founded upon righteousness and justice, will right all wrongs and avenge every injustice. He will judge all who have rejected his redemption and execute justice by eternal punishment in a literal hell, the consequence of sin against God and mankind. (Matthew 25:46, Mark 9:43-48, Revelation 19:20, Revelation 20:11-15, Revelation 21:8)(1 Thessalonians 4:16,17; Romans 8:23; Timothy 2:13; 1 Corinthians 15:51,52, Revelation 19:11-14, Revelation 20:1-6)