

# ***Divine Grace Church*** **STATEMENT OF FAITH**

## ***We Believe...***

### **Holy Bible**

The Holy Bible is inspired by God and is without error. It is the source of all doctrine, instruction, and correction. 2 Timothy 3:16-17, 2 Peter 1:20-21, I Thessalonians 2:13

### **Trinity**

There is only one true God, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit are coequal and coeternal. Genesis 1:1-2, Deuteronomy 6:4, Luke 3:21-22, Matthew 28:19, 2 Corinthians 13:14

God the Father is the Great Creator of Heaven and Earth. Genesis 1:1, Matthew 3:16-17, Matthew 23:9, I Corinthians 8:6, Galatians 4:6-7

Jesus Christ is the Son of God, born of the Virgin Mary, lived a sinless life, crucified, died, buried, rose again on the third day, ascended into Heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father. He is the only way to the Father. Just as He came to the earth He will return again and judge mankind.

Isaiah 53:4-6, Matthew 1:16-23, Matthew 24:27, Matthew 25:31-32, Mark 16:19, Luke 1:30-35, John 1:1, John 3:16, John 5:26-27, John 14:6, Acts 1:9-11, I Corinthians 15:3-4, 2 Corinthians 5:21, I Thessalonians 1:10, I John 2:2

Holy Spirit is the third person of the Trinity. He convicts the world of sin and empowers Christ followers to serve and share their faith. The Baptism in the Holy Spirit is separate from conversion. Luke 24:49, John 14:16-17, John 15:26, John 16:7, Acts 1:8, Acts 2:1-4, Acts 4:31, Romans 8, I Corinthians 2:9-14, I Corinthians 12:4-11, Galatians 5:22-23, Titus 3:4-7

### **The Fall of Man**

Man is created in the image of God but by disobedience fell from perfection into sin, thereby imputing sinfulness to all human beings. This resulted in spiritual death which is separation from God. Man's only hope of redemption is in Jesus Christ, the Son of God. Genesis 1:26-27, Genesis 2:16-17, Genesis 3, Romans 5:12-21

### **Salvation**

Salvation is a gift from God. A gift is something that is not earned, therefore, salvation is not a result of our good works or of any human efforts. Jesus Christ's death makes it possible for our relationship with God to be restored. John 3:16, Romans 10:9-10, Galatians 2:16, Ephesians 2:8-9

### **Repentance**

The commitment to turn away from all sin and follow Jesus Christ. Through repentance we receive forgiveness of sins. Hebrews 9:11-12, Romans 10:8-10, I John 1:9

### **Sanctification**

The ongoing process of spiritual growth, development and maturity by yielding to God's Word and His Spirit which prepares us for His purposes. 2 Corinthians 3:18, Romans 12:1-2, I Thessalonians 5:23-24

## **Sacraments**

**Water Baptism:** Following faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, new converts are commanded to be baptized in water. Matthew 28:18-19

**The Lord's Supper:** Communion in the presence of God by the symbolic use of the bread and juice for the broken body of Jesus Christ and His blood. We do this in remembrance of Jesus' sacrifice on the cross and anticipated return. Matthew 26:26-28, Luke 22:19-20, I Corinthians 11:23-31

**Marriage:** Is defined in the Bible as a covenant, a sacred union instituted by God between one naturally born man and one naturally born woman. Genesis 1:27-28, Genesis 2:24, Matthew 19:4-6, Mark 10:2-9, Hebrews 13:4

## **Healing of the Sick**

Healing is illustrated by the life and ministry of Jesus, and included in the commission of Jesus to His disciples. It is given as a sign, which is to follow believers. This is also a part of Jesus' work on the cross. Isaiah 53:5, Matthew 8:16-17, Mark 16:18, James 5:14-16

## **Resurrection**

Jesus Christ was physically resurrected from the dead three days after His death on the cross. Both the saved and the lost will be resurrected; Christ followers to resurrection of life and those who are lost and without Christ to resurrection of eternal damnation. Daniel 12:1-2, Luke 24:46-51, John 5:28-29, Acts 24:15, I Corinthians 15:12-21, 42-44

## **The Blessed Hope**

The Lord himself will come down from heaven with a shout of command, with the voice of an archangel and trumpet blast of God, and all those who are dead in Christ shall rise first. Then those who are alive and remain will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and will always be with the Lord. I Corinthians 15:51-52, I Thessalonians 4:16-17, Titus 2:13

## **Heaven**

Heaven is the glorious eternal home of all born-again believers. Matthew 25:34, John 14:1-3, 2 Corinthians 5:1

## **Hell**

Hell is the place of eternal torment for all who reject Jesus Christ as Savior. Isaiah 66:24, Matthew 18:7-9, Matthew 25:30, 41 & 46, Luke 13:27-28, Jude 1:7, 13, Revelation 20:15

## **The Church**

The church is the body of Christ, whose goal is to make disciples throughout the world. Matthew 28:19-20, Acts 2:46-47

## **Tithes and Offerings**

Giving of tithes and offerings is an act of worship. It is an expression of the heart, that we trust God with all He has entrusted to us. This is also an act of obedience to God. Tithes and offerings help to support the church and the spread of the gospel. Leviticus 27:30, Proverbs 3:9-10, Malachi 3:8-10, Matthew 23:23, Mark 12:41-44, 2 Corinthians 9:7