

Statement of Faith

PLAINCHURCH

THE WORD OF GOD

We believe the Bible is the verbally inspired, infallible, and authoritative written, revealed Word of God. It is our final authority in faith and practice. (II Tim 3:16-17 II Peter 1:16-21 Acts 1:16, 2:4)

THE TRINITY

We believe there is one God, eternally existent in three persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit and yet are one God. (Mk 12:29 Jn 1:1-4 I Jn 5:7)

THE DEITY OF CHRIST

We believe in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious and atoning death through His shed blood, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the God the Father, and His imminent return to earth in power and glory. (Matt 1:18-25 18:11 Lk 1:35 Jn 1:1-2,14,3:16 Acts 15:11 Rom 3:24-25 I Cor 15:3,20 II Cor 5:21 Gal 1:4 Eph 2:8 Phil 2:6-7 Heb 2:14,9:12-15 I Jn 2:2)

THE HOLY SPIRIT

We believe in the person and deity of the Holy Spirit. He descended to earth to regenerate, indwell, to set believers apart for a holy life, to teach, to convict of sin, to comfort, and to endue with power for the work of the ministry. All believers are sealed by the Holy Spirit. (I Cor 12:13 Rom 8:14-27 Jn 14:16-17, 16:7-11 Acts 1:8, 4:31)

SALVATION

We believe in the fallen state of man from God's presence as a result of the sin first committed by Adam. All men are born in a lost condition and remain as such until they choose to accept Christ as their personal Savior by admitting their sinful condition through repentance, accepting His redemptive work on Calvary as the payment for sin, and receiving by faith His gift of salvation. All believers are indwelt and regenerated by the Holy Spirit at the time of their new birth experience. (Gen 3:16 Jn 3:3,16 Rom 3:10,23;6:23;10:9-10 Gal 5:22 Eph 5:9)

SANCTIFICATION AND JUSTIFICATION

We believe that sanctification is the gradual process of becoming more Christ like in our daily behavior and lifestyle. Justification is our pardon from sin (**Just As If I Never Sinned**). It is solely through the finished work of Christ on Calvary. (Rom 8:1;4:1-8 Heb 10:38 I Cori 6:11 II Peter 3:18)

THE BLOOD ATONEMENT

We believe that the blood of Christ cleanses man from sin. Christ's work of salvation was completed on Calvary through His substitutionary payment in keeping with God's plan for a blameless sacrifice. (Heb 10:12,14,15,17,19,22-23)

THE RESURRECTION

We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost. They that are saved will be resurrected unto everlasting life and they that are lost unto everlasting damnation. (I Thessalonians 4:13-18 John 5:28-29)

FUTURE EVENTS

We believe in the Blessed Hope which is the imminent return of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We believe He is coming for those who have fallen asleep in Him and for His living saints (**Rapture**). After His return these events will follow: the Tribulation (**7 years**), the Second Coming of Christ on earth for one thousand years (**Millennium**), the eternal state punishment in Hell for the unsaved (**Great White Throne of Judgment**), and the eternal state of blessing for the saved. (Matt 24:29-42 I Thess 4:13-18;5:4-10 I Cor 15:50-55 Rev 3:10,20:11-15)

CREATION

We believe God created the Earth, man and woman, as well as all living things on it with age as accounted for in the Book of Genesis.

SATAN

We believe in the person of Satan. He is the unholy god of this age, author of darkness and evil, and is destined to the judgment of eternal justice in the Lake of Fire. (**Matt 4:1-3 Mk 1:13 Rev 20:10**)

SIN

Man was created in the image of God but fell through sin, bringing not only physical death, but also spiritual death / eternal separation from God. All of mankind exists with an inherited sinful nature. (**Ge 3:16-19 Rom 3:10-23;6:23**)

DIVERGENT DOCTRINE

We reject all doctrines, creeds, and covenants that add to or take away from the Word of God. The criterion of judgment must be the Bible. (**II Timothy 3:16;4:2 Titus 2:1**)

THE CHURCH

The local church is a called out group of believers who have accepted Christ as Savior, followed the Lord in Believer's Baptism, and joined together for the purposes of edification, exhortation, and evangelism as commanded by Christ in the Great Commission. (**Mk 16:15 I Cor 12:12 Eph 1:22-23**)

HUMAN SEXUALITY

We believe God created male and female as separate and distinct human beings with separate and distinct roles and purposes (**Gen 1:27-28**). Furthermore, we believe that each person is born in the body of the sexual gender that God desires them to have (**Ps 139:14**). We believe that marriage is ordained by God to be between a man and a woman of legal consenting age (**Gen 2:18, 21-25**). We believe all sexual behavior outside of marriage to be sinful. (**Lev 18:23, Rom 1:24-28, I Cor 6:11, Heb 13:4**)

HUMAN LIFE

We believe life is by divine creation and begins at conception. Abortion is a direct violation of the Word of God. (**Gen 2:7, Ex 20:13, Is 44:2, 49:1, Jer 1:5**)

STEWARDSHIP

We believe every believer is to be faithful to tithe, give offerings, and sow into the local church and the work of Christ. (**Malachi 3:8-10**)

This Statement of Faith of Plain Church was voted on and adopted on May 20, 2018 and makes null and void any previous statements of faith of stated church.