

N.C.A.'S STATEMENT OF FAITH

- 1) **The Scripture.** The Bible is the verbally inspired, inerrant, infallible Word of God. (2 Tim. 3:16, 2 Pet. 1:20-21, Matt. 5:18, John 17:17)
- 2) **The Trinity.** There is one triune God, existing as three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. He is co-eternal in being, co-identical in nature, co-equal in power and glory, having the same attributes and perfections. (Matt. 28:19, 2 Cor. 13:14)
- 3) **The Person and Work of Christ.** The Lord Jesus Christ, the eternal Son of God, became man without ceasing to be God, having been conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary in order that He might reveal God and redeem sinful men. (John 1:1-2, Luke 1:35)
 - a) Christ died on the cross for all mankind as a representative, vicarious substitutionary sacrifice, and the sufficiency of this atoning sacrifice accomplishes the redemption and justification of all who trust in Him. This is assured by His literal, physical resurrection from the dead. (Rom. 3:24-25, 4:25, Eph. 1:7, 1 Tim. 4:10, Heb. 2:9, 1 Pet. 1:3-5, 2:24, 2 Pet. 2:1)
 - b) Christ ascended to heaven and is now exalted at the right hand of God where, as our High Priest, He fulfills the ministry of Representative, Intercessor, and Advocate. (Acts 1:9-10, Heb. 9:24, 7:25, Rom. 8:34, 1 John 1:1-2)
 - c) The Lord Jesus Christ will return for His redeemed and to establish rule over His Millennial Kingdom. (1 Thes. 4:13-18, Zech. 14:4-11, Rev. 19:11-16, 20:1-6)
- 4) **The Person and Work of the Holy Spirit.**
 - a) He convicts the world of sin, righteousness, and judgment.
 - b) The Supernatural Agent in regeneration, baptizing all believers into the Body of Christ, indwelling and sealing them unto the day of redemption. (John 16:8-11, 2 Cor. 3:6, 12:12-14, Rom. 8:9, Eph. 1:13-14)
 - c) He is the divine teacher who guides believers into all truth. He instills each believer with special gifts to minister within Christ's body.
 - d) It is the privilege and duty of all the saved to be filled with the Spirit. (John 16:13, 1 John 2:20, 1 Cor. 12:4-11)
- 5) **The Total Depravity of Man.** Created in the image and likeness of God, through Adam's sin the race fell. Alone, man is utterly unable to remedy his lost condition. (Gen. 1:25-27, Rom. 3:22-23, Eph. 2:1-3, 12)
- 6) **Salvation.** The gift of God brought to mankind by grace and received by personal faith in the Lord Jesus Christ whose precious blood was shed on Calvary for the forgiveness of sins. (Eph. 2:8-9, John 1:12, Eph. 1:7, 1 Pet. 1:18-19)

- 7) The Eternal Security and Assurance of Believers. The redeemed, once saved, are kept by God's power and are thus secure in Christ forever. (John 6:37-40, 10:27, Rom. 8:1 or 1:4-8, 1 Pet. 1:3-5). It is the privilege of believers to rejoice in the assurance of their salvation through the testimony of God's Word which, however, clearly forbids the use of Christian liberty as an occasion for the flesh. (Rom. 13:13-14)
- 8) The Two Natures of the Believer. Every saved person possesses two natures, with provision made for victory of the new nature over the sin nature through the power of the indwelling Holy Spirit. All claims to the eradication of the old nature in this life are unscriptural. (Rom. 6:13, 8:12-13, Gal. 5:16-25, Eph. 4:22-24, Col. 3:10, 1 Pet. 1:14-16, 1 John 3:5-9)
- 9) Separation. All saved should live in such a manner as not to bring reproach upon their Savior and Lord. Separation from all religious apostasy, all worldly and sinful pleasures, practices, and associations is commanded by God. (2 Tim. 3:1-5, Rom. 12:1-2, 14:13, 1 John 2:15-17, 2 John 9-11, 2 Cor. 6:14-7:1)
- 10) Church.
- a) We believe that the Church, which is the Body and espoused Bride of Christ, is a spiritual organism made up of all born-again believers of this present age. (Eph. 1:22-23, 5:25-27, 1 Cor. 12:12-14, 2 Cor. 11:2)
 - b) We believe that the establishment and continuance of local churches is clearly taught and defined in the New Testament Scriptures. (Acts 14:27, 20:17, 28-32, 1 Tim. 3:1-13, Titus 1:5-11)
 - c) We believe in the ordinances of believer's water baptism and the Lord's Supper as scriptural means of testimony for the church age. (Matt. 28:19-20, Acts 2:41-42, 18:8, 1 Cor. 11:23-26)