

Our Statement of Faith

THE WORD OF GOD

We believe that the Bible is God's message given to us to provide the standards for faith and conduct as individuals and as a local church. All 66 books were given without error, and the promises they contain will never fail.

GOD

We believe that there is one God who exists by His own limitless power, who is the Creator of all that exist; who is personally, lovingly concerned about each and every one of us; who is perfect in holiness and justice, who is unchanging, eternal, all wise, all seeing and all knowing. While we do not fully comprehend all aspects of the Trinity, we believe that God is eternally existing in three persons, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; that all these are equal in nature, essence, perfection and attributes.

We believe in God the Father, who is Spirit, who concerns Himself mercifully in the affairs of men, that He hears and answers prayer, and that He saves from sin and death all who come to Him through personal faith in Jesus Christ.

We believe that Jesus Christ is God's eternal Son. We believe that He took upon Himself the form of true man, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. We also believe in His sinless life as a Servant of others, His sacrifice on the cross for the purpose of paying the penalty for our failure to comply with God's standards, His bodily resurrection from the dead, His bodily return to heaven to set up His kingdom on earth in all its fullness.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, His personality, and His work of convincing man of his need in trust in Jesus Christ for eternal life; Who imparts life when man trusts in Jesus Christ; Who empowers us to become more like Christ; Who imparts gifts as He chooses to the believer for godly service on behalf of others.

MAN

We believe God directly created man, male and female, in the image of God and free from defect of any kind. We further believe that in the Garden of Eden man became a sinner by nature and choice and is therefore spiritually dead.

SALVATION

We believe that God can rescue man from his hopeless condition by grace through faith in Jesus Christ. We believe that this salvation was purchased by Christ on the cross and is received by man through faith, apart from any human merit, works or ritual.

THE CHURCH

We believe that the church is the spiritual body of which Christ is the head. We believe that the true church is composed of all persons who have personally trusted in Jesus Christ for eternal life. We believe that this body expresses itself in local assemblies. We believe that the members of this local church are those who have been immersed upon a credible confession of faith and have associated themselves for worship, for instruction, for evangelism and for service. We believe that the ordinances of the local church are believer's baptism by immersion and the Lord's supper. We also believe that local churches of similar faith and practice should cooperate with and help one another. We also believe in the mutual submission of believers to each other in love.

SEPARATION OF CHURCH AND STATE

We believe that each local church is self-governing in function and must be free from interference by any external religious or political authority. We further believe that every human being is directly responsible and accountable to God in matters of faith and life, and that each should be free to worship God according to the dictates of his conscience apart from government decree.

CHRISTIAN CONDUCT

We believe that the supreme task of every believer is to glorify God in his life; that his conduct should be blameless before the world; that he should be faithful in the use of God's possessions which have been entrusted to him; and that he should seek to realize for himself full maturity in Christ.

THE FINAL DESTINY OF MAN

We believe in the bodily resurrection of all mankind to a conscious, unending existence. Those who have put their trust in Jesus Christ will appear before His judgment seat for the receiving or loss of rewards, position and status as they enter the coming Kingdom. Those who have not personally chosen to accept the gift of eternal life through faith in Jesus Christ will appear before the final Great White Throne judgment. All who appear at this judgment will have a review of every deed and thought in life. The extent of divine judgment will be determined, but all who appear here will be consigned to hell forever.