

STATEMENT OF BELIEFS

What We Believe!

1. We believe the Bible to be the inspired Word of God, without error in the original writings, the complete revelation of His will for the salvation of mankind and the Divine and final authority for all Christian faith and life.
*Matthew 5:18; John 16:12-12;
II Timothy 3:16-17; II Peter 1:20-21*
2. We believe in One Triune God, creator of all things, infinitely perfect and eternally existent in three co-equal persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
*Deuteronomy 6:4; Matthew 3:16-17,
28:19; John 1:1-2, 14; John 10:30*
3. We believe in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, that He is true God and true man, having been conceived of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He died for our sins according to the Scriptures, arose bodily from the dead, ascended to the right hand of the Father in heaven where He is our High Priest and advocate.
*Luke 1:35; John 1:1-2, 14; Acts 1:9-10;
Romans 8:34; Hebrews 7:25, 9:24*
4. We believe that the ministry of the Holy Spirit is to glorify the Lord Jesus Christ and during this age to convict mankind, and regenerate sinners by faith in Christ. (Regeneration is of the Holy Spirit by which the believer receives a new nature from God.) He will indwell, guide, instruct and empower the believer for Godly life and service.
*John 16:8-11, 13; Romans 8:9;
I Corinthians 12:12-14; II Corinthians 3:6;
Ephesians 1:13-14, 5:18; I John 2:20, 27*
5. We believe that man (male and female) was created in the image of God, but fell into sin and is therefore lost and only through being “born again” by the Spirit of God can salvation and true spiritual life be obtained.
*Genesis 1:26-27; Romans 3:22-23, 5:12;
Ephesians 2:1-3, 12*
6. We believe that the shed blood of Jesus Christ and His resurrection proved the only basis for justification and salvation for all who repent, believe, and receive Jesus Christ being born of the Holy Spirit, they thus become the children of God.
*John 1:12; Ephesians 1:7, 2:8-10;
I Peter 1:18-19*
7. We believe that ordinances for the Believer are baptism by immersion and the Lord’s Supper to be observed by the Church during the present age. They are, however, not to be regarded as a means of salvation.
Acts 2:41, 8:12, 9:18, 10:47-48; Romans 6:3-6
8. We believe that the true Church is composed of all those who through saving faith in Jesus Christ have been “born again” by the Holy Spirit and are united together in the body of Christ of which He is the Head.
*I Corinthians 11:2, 14;
II Corinthians 11:2;
Ephesians 1:22-23, 5:25-27*
9. We believe that only those members of the true Church are eligible for membership in the local church family.
*Acts 14:27, 20:17; I Timothy 2:1-13;
Titus 1:5-11*
10. We believe that Jesus Christ is the Lord and Head of the Church and that every church body has the right under Christ to decide and govern its own affairs.
Ephesians 1:22-23; Colossians 1:18
11. We believe in the personal and imminent return of our Lord Jesus Christ and that this expectancy should have a vital impact on the personal life and service of the believer.
*I Thessalonians 1:5-10, 4:13-18;
Revelation 3:10, Revelation 19:11-16*
12. We believe in the bodily resurrection of the dead: The believer to fully realizing all that God has promised in Christ and the unbeliever to judgment and everlasting conscious punishment.
*Luke 16:19-26; John 5:28-29, 11:25-26;
Philippians 3:21; I Thessalonians 4:16-17;
II Thess. 1:7-9; Revelation 20:4-6, 11-15*

13. We believe that the family of God ordained and is vital to the framework of society: That God's design for marriage is for a man and a woman to be united in a perpetual monogamous relationship. We also recognize the uniqueness of being single. The practice of extra-marital sex, adultery or homosexuality is inconsistent with Biblical teaching.

*Genesis 1:26-31; Romans 1:24-27;
Ephesians 5:3-5, 6:1-4; Colossians 3:5-6*

14. We believe in the sanctity of human life (including the unborn, the handicapped, and the elderly): That human life from conception is of great value to God.

*Psalms 8:5-7, 22:9-10, 139:13-18;
Galatians 1:15*

15. We believe the Church is commanded to be a relevant witness of Jesus Christ within the society and the culture of the day.

*Matthew 28:18-20; Mark 16:15;
John 20:21; Acts 1:8; Romans 10:13-15;
II Corinthians 5:19-20*

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