



Statement of Faith

Section 1: Word of God

We believe . . . that the sixty-six books of the Bible are the verbally inspired Word of God, without any mistakes, and completely accurate as originally written. God's Word is both true and everlasting, is the complete revelation of God's will for salvation, and is our supreme authority for faith and conduct. (II Peter 1:20-21, II Timothy 3:16, I Peter 1:24-25, John 17:17)

Section 2: God

We believe . . . there is only one true, living, sovereign, and infinite God, creator of all things, one in essence and eternally existing in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and that these three persons are of equal dignity and power each deserving worship and obedience. (Deuteronomy 6:4, Isaiah 45:5-7, I Corinthians 8:4, Matthew 28:19, II Corinthians 13:14)

Section 3: Jesus Christ

We believe . . . in the deity and eternal existence of Jesus Christ, true God and true man; His miraculous conception by the Holy Spirit; His virgin birth; His sinless life; His substitutionary death on a cross; His bodily resurrection; His ascension to the right hand of the Father; and His personal, imminent return. (John 8:57-58, Philippians 2:6-7, Matthew 1:23, Romans 5:8, I Corinthians 15:16-20, Acts 1:9-11, Hebrews 4:14-15)

Section 4: Holy Spirit

We believe . . . in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit sent by God to comfort, convict, guide, and sanctify believers. The Holy Spirit regenerates and indwells all believers at conversion, forever, thus enabling and empowering the life and ministry of the believer. (John 16:5-16, Matthew 28:19, Titus 3:5-7, I Corinthians 12:13, I Corinthians 6:19, Romans 8:9, Ephesians 5:18, I Corinthians 12:7-11)

Section 5: Man

We believe . . . that man was the direct and instantaneous creation by and for God in His image; that by man's disobeying God, every man by nature and by practice incurred physical and spiritual death, which is eternal separation from God and punishment as a consequence. (Genesis 1:26-27, Romans 5:12, John 3:36, Ephesians 2:1-3, Romans 3:23, Romans 3:10-18, II Thessalonians 1:9)



Section 6: Salvation

We believe . . . salvation is a gift from God to man. Man can never make up for his or her sin by self-improvement or good works. God's grace is demonstrated in the gift of His Son Jesus Christ who died on our behalf. All who repent and put their trust in Christ are declared right with God due to His sacrificial death on the cross as a substitutionary atonement. At the point of salvation each believer is a new creation eternally secure and will give some evidence of personal conversion through the actions of their life. (Ephesians 2:8-10, Acts 3:19, Romans 3:21-26, John 6:37-40, II Corinthians 5:17)

Section 7: The Church

We believe . . . the universal church is composed of all Christians who have repented of their sins and placed their trust in Jesus Christ. Christ serves as the head of this united spiritual organism called the church. The formation of the church, the body of Christ, began on the Day of Pentecost and will be completed at the coming of Christ for His church at the rapture. The local church is made up of believers who have joined together for worship, instruction, fellowship, service and observing the ordinances of baptism and communion. (Matthew 16:18, Ephesians 1:22, I Corinthians 12:13, Acts 2:42-47)

Section 8: Last Things

We believe . . . in the bodily resurrection of everyone who has lived, the everlasting blessing and reward of those in right relationship with God, and the everlasting punishment of those who have rejected God's forgiveness in His Son. (Acts 24:14-15, I Corinthians 15:22-23, II Corinthians 4:14, Revelation 20:13-15)

Section 9: Social Issues

1. **Human Sexuality.** We believe . . . that the only Scriptural marriage is the joining of one biological man and one biological woman. We believe that God has commanded that no intimate sexual activity be engaged in outside of a marriage between one biological man and one biological woman. We believe that any form of sexual activity outside of this union is a sinful perversion of God's gift of sexual intimacy. We believe that God disapproves of and forbids any attempt to psychologically or physically alter one's biological gender.
1. **Church Leadership.** We believe that men and women are spiritually equal in position before God but that God has ordained distinct and separate spiritual functions for men and women in the home and the church. The husband is to be the leader of the home, and men are to be the leaders (pastors and elders) of the church. Accordingly, only men are eligible for licensure and ordination by the church.