

# We believe...

## The Bible

We believe in the verbal, plenary inspiration of the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, inerrant as originally given, God's final written revelation of Himself and His will, and the sole authority for all faith and practice (2 Tim. 3:16, 17; 2 Peter 1:21)

## The Godhead

We believe in God who is revealed in Scripture as subsisting in three distinct persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, yet one in being, essence, and power (Matt. 3:16, 17; 28:18, 19; 2 Cor. 13:14; Gal. 4:6, 7; Heb. 9:14; 1 John 2:22, 23).

## The Lord Jesus Christ

a. We believe in the supernatural birth of Jesus Christ, who was conceived of the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, the incarnate Son of God, Immanuel, God with us (Matt. 1:20-23; Luke 1:35).

b. We believe in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is very God, the express image of the Father, the One by whom and for whom all things were created and consist (John 1:1-3; Col. 1:16, 17).

c. We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ lived a sinless life and that He died as a perfect substitutionary sacrifice for the sins of all men, and that the believer's justification is made sure by His literal, physical resurrection from the dead (Matt 28:6, 7; Rom. 3:24, 25; 1 Cor. 15:4-8; Heb 2:9; 4:15; 1 Peter 3:18).

d. We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ ascended to the right hand of God, where He is the High Priest and Advocate for His people (Acts 1:9-13; Rom. 8:34; Heb 7:25; 9:24; 1 John 2:1)

e. We believe in the imminent coming of our Lord Jesus Christ in the air to receive His church unto Himself (John 14:3; 1 Cor. 15:51, 52; 1 Thess. 4:13-18; Titus 2:13)

f. We believe in the subsequent, visible and pre-millennial return of the Lord Jesus Christ, with His church, to establish His promised worldwide kingdom on the earth (Zech 14:4-11; Rev. 19:11-16, 20:4-6).

## The Holy Spirit

a. We believe in the personality and deity of the Holy Spirit, who convicts of sin, who is the Supernatural Agent in regeneration, and who, at the moment of conversion, baptizes and seals the believer into the body of Christ, immediately indwelling him (John 14:16, 17; 16:7-11; 1 Cor. 12:12-14; Eph. 1:13, 14).

b. We believe that it is the duty and privilege of the believer to be filled with the Holy Spirit, who illumines, guides, and energizes the believer, enabling him to maintain a consistent Christian walk (John 16:13; Gal. 5:16; Eph. 5:18, 1 John 2:20, 27).

c. We believe that the ascended Christ gives gifts through the sovereign will of the Holy Spirit for the edification and unity of the body of Christ (1 Cor. 12:4-12; Eph. 4:7-13).

## Angels

We believe in the reality and personality of angels, both good and fallen, including Satan, the great enemy of God and man, whose opposition is ever increasing but whose ultimate doom is sure (Job 1:5, 7; Psa. 103:20; Matt. 4:11; Luke 2:13; Heb 1:14; Rev. 20:10).

## Man

We believe in the creation of man by a direct act of God, and that he fell into sin, and thereby became depraved and guilty before God (Gen 1:27; 3; Psa. 51:5; Isa. 64:6; Rom. 1:21-23; 3:23; 5:12, 21).

## Salvation

We believe in salvation uniquely by the substitutionary atonement of Christ by grace through faith in His shed blood to accomplish man's redemption from sin and his reconciliation to God (Rom. 3:24-25; 8:9; Eph. 2:8, 9; Titus 3:5; 1 Peter 1:10-21)

## The Believer's Position

We believe in the sonship of all born-again believers in the family of God, their justification, sanctification, and eternal redemption being fully provided for and assured in the finished work of Christ on Calvary and in His continued intercession above (John 1:12, 13; Rom 5:1; 6:14-17; Gal. 3:25; 4:5-7; Eph. 1:13, 14; Heb. 7:25; 1 Peter 2:9; 1 John 3:2; 5:11-13).

## The Resurrection

We believe in the bodily resurrection of all man, each in his own order; the saints to everlasting life in God's presence; the wicked to conscious and everlasting condemnation in hell (Matt. 25:45; John 3:10, 35; 5:28, 29; Rev. 20:5, 6, 11-15).

## The Church and its Mission

We believe in the great commission as the primary mission of the church, i.e., the preaching to all the world of the gospel of the grace of God, teaching converts to obey the Lord in baptism by immersion in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, to remember Christ's death till He comes, in observance of the Lord's Supper, to be always careful to live godly lives in the world, and to pursue fellowship and seek ministry in visible, organized churches (Matt. 18:19; Acts 1:6; 13:1-3; 14:23; 1 Cor. 1:2; 4:17; 12:12-14; Eph. 1:22, 23; 5:23-27; Col. 1:18; 1 Thess. 2:14; Titus 2:11-15)

I hereby confirm that I fully adhere to the above doctrinal statement.

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