

STATEMENT OF FAITH

1. **We believe the Bible to be the only inspired, infallible, authoritative, unerring Word of God.** *“All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness,” 2 Timothy 3:16. “For prophecy never had its origin in the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit,” 2 Peter 1:21.*
2. **We believe there is one God, eternally, existent in three persons – the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.** *“The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel - which means, ‘God with us,’” Matthew 1:23. But in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom he made the universe,” Hebrews 1:2. “I and the Father are one,” John 10:30. “Now the Lord is the Spirit,” 2 Corinthians 3:17 “May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all,” 2 Corinthians 13:14.*
3. **We believe in the deity of Christ,** *“‘We are not stoning you for any of these,’ replied the Jews, ‘but for blasphemy, because you, a mere man, claim to be God,’” John 10:33. **His virgin birth,** “The angel answered, ‘The Holy Spirit will come upon you and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God,’” Luke 1:35. **His sinless life,** “For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are – yet was without sin,” Hebrews 4:15. “Such a high priest meets our need – one who is holy, blameless, pure, set apart from sinners, exalted above the heavens,” Hebrews 7:26. **His miracles,** “This, the first of his miraculous signs, Jesus performed at Cana in Galilee. He thus revealed his glory, and his disciples put their faith in him,” John 2:11. **His vicarious and atoning death,** “For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures,” 1 Corinthians 15:3. “In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God’s grace,” Ephesians 1:7. “But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because he suffered death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone,” Hebrews 2:9. **His resurrection,** “Jesus said to her, ‘I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies,’” John 11:25. “that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures,” 1 Corinthians 15:4. **His ascension to the right hand of the Father,** “After the Lord Jesus had spoken to them, he was taken up into heaven and he sat at the right hand of God,” Mark 16:19. **His personal return in power and glory,** “‘Men of Galilee,’ they said, ‘why do you stand here looking into the sky? This Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven,’” Acts 1:11.*

4. **We believe in the absolute necessity of regeneration by the Holy Spirit for salvation because of the exceeding sinfulness of human nature, and that men are justified on the single ground of faith in the shed blood of Christ and that only by God's grace and through faith are we saved.** *"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because he has not believed in the name of God's one and only Son. This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but men loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil," John 3:16-19. "I tell you the truth, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be condemned; he has crossed over from death to life," John 5:24. "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God," Romans 3:23. "But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him!" Romans 5:8-9. "For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith – and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God – not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do," Ephesians 2:8-10. "He saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit," Titus 3:5. **This belief includes the essential role of baptism for the remission of sins.** *"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age," Matthew 28:19-20. "Peter replied, 'Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off – for all whom the Lord our God will call,'" Acts 2:38-40.**
5. **We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost; they that are saved unto the resurrection of life, and they that are lost unto the resurrection of damnation.** *"Do not be amazed at this, for a time is coming when all who are in their graves will hear his voice and come out – those who have done good will rise to live, and those who have done evil will rise to be condemned," John 5:28-29.*
6. **We believe in the spiritual unity of believers in our Lord Jesus Christ.** *"The body is a unit, though it is made up of many parts; and though all its parts are many, they form one body. So it is with Christ. For we were all baptized by one Spirit into one body – whether Jews or Greeks, slave or free – and we were all given the one Spirit to drink," 1 Corinthians 12:12-13.*

We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit, by whose indwelling and teaching through the Word of God, the Christian is enabled to live a godly life. *"For if you live according to the sinful nature, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live, because those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God," Romans 8:13-14.*