

**Statement of Faith With Biblical Texts**  
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**A. The Scriptures**

We believe the Old and New Testament Scriptures are divinely inspired, are entirely true and trustworthy, and constitute the only supreme authority in all matters of doctrine and conduct (Ps. 19:7-9; Mark 12:36; 2 Tim. 3:15-17; Titus 1:1-3; Heb. 4:12-13; 2 Pet. 1:19-21).

**B. The Trinity**

We believe there is one living and true God, eternally existing in three persons -- Father, Son, and Holy Spirit -- who are the same in essence and co-equal in power and glory (Deut. 6:4-6; Matt. 28:18-20; John 1:1, 14, 18; 3:34-35; 15:26; Rom. 8:9-11; 2 Cor. 13:14).

**C. Jesus Christ**

We believe in the full deity and full humanity of our Lord Jesus Christ. We affirm His virgin birth, sinless life, divine miracles, atoning death as our substitute, bodily resurrection, ascension into heaven, ongoing work as our mediator, and personal return in power and glory (Matt. 1:20-23; 26:63-64; Luke 1:30-35; John 1:1-2, 14, 18; Acts 1:11; 2:22-24; Rom. 3:25-26; Phil. 2:5-11; 1 Tim. 2:5-6; Heb. 1:3; 4:14-16; 1 John 2:1-2).

**D. The Holy Spirit**

We believe in the Holy Spirit by whose regenerating power and ongoing ministry the believer is enabled to live a holy life and to witness and work for the Lord Jesus Christ (John 15:26; 16:7-14; Acts 1:8; Rom. 8:9; 1 Cor. 6:19; 12:4-7; 11-14; Gal. 5:22-23; Eph. 4:30; 5:18-20; Titus 3:4-7).

**E. Creation**

We believe in the direct creative acts of God as recorded in Genesis (Gen. 1:1—2:25; 3:20; Neh. 9:5b-6; Rom. 5:12-14; 1 Cor. 15:44b-49; 1 Tim. 2:13).

**F. Satan**

We believe that Satan, a fallen angel along with other angelic beings, rebelled against God and was cast out of heaven. Although he was defeated at the cross, he continues to be the archenemy of God, angels, and humanity. He will be judged and his final destiny will be the lake of fire (Gen. 3:1-4, 13-15; Matt. 4:1-11; 2 Cor. 4:3-4; Eph. 6:10-12; 1 Peter 5:8-9; 1 John 3:8; Rev. 20:1-3, 7-10).

## **G. Humanity and Sin**

We believe humanity, male and female, was created in the image of God. In Adam all humankind fell into sin through disobedience to God incurring both physical and spiritual death. All people are born with a sinful nature, are separated from God, are sinners in thought, word, and deed, and are in need of salvation (Gen. 1:26-27; 3:1-19; Ps. 51:5; Rom. 3:9-18, 23; 5:12-14; Eph. 2:1-5).

## **H. Salvation**

We believe the grace of God alone provides salvation from sin for all humanity only through personal faith in Jesus Christ alone and his all-sufficient atoning death on the cross and victorious resurrection (John 1:12-13; 3:36; 5:24; 10:27-30; Acts 4:11-12; Rom. 1:16-17; 3:21-26; 6:23; 2 Cor. 5:21; Eph. 2:8-10; Col. 1:13-14; Titus 3:4-7; I John 2:1-2; 5:11-13).

## **I. The Christian Life**

We believe that Christians are to grow spiritually and stand firm against the spiritual forces of evil through submission to the Lordship of Christ, the knowledge of God's Word, the power of the indwelling Holy Spirit, and prayerful dependence on God. Scripture commands believers to love God and others and to live out their salvation with care for one another, compassion for the poor and needy, and justice for all. In obedience to Christ's commission, they are to make disciples among all people (Micah 6:8; Mark 12:28-31; Rom. 6:11-14; 12:1-2, 17-21; 2 Cor. 3:18; Gal. 5:16-26; Eph. 4:17-5:20; Phil. 2:12-13; Col. 2:6-7; 3:12-17; 1 Thess. 4:3-8; Titus 2:11-14; 1 Pet. 1:22-2:3; 1 John 1:7-10; 3:1-3, 17-18; 4:7-12).

## **J. The Church**

We believe the Church, the Body of Christ, consists of all true believers, and, with Christ as Head, she manifests herself in local churches to glorify him, edify believers, and evangelize spiritually lost humanity everywhere (Matt. 16:16-18; 28:18-20; Acts 2:42; 1 Cor. 12:12-14, 27; Eph. 1:19b-23; 4:11-13; Col. 1:18; 3:12-17; 1 Peter 4:7-11).

## **K. The Return of Jesus Christ**

We believe in the literal, bodily return of the Lord Jesus Christ (John 14:1-3; Phil. 3:20-21; 1 Thess. 4:13-18; 2 Pet. 3:11-13; Rev. 19:11-21, 20:1-6, 7-11, 11-15, 21:1-22:5).

## **L. The Future State of the Dead**

We believe in the bodily resurrection of both believers and unbelievers, those who are believers unto the resurrection of eternal life in the presence of God, and those who are unbelievers unto the resurrection of eternal punishment separated from God (Matt. 25:31-46; John 5:28-29; 2 Thess. 1:6-10; Rev. 20:11-15; 21:6-8).