

# STATEMENT OF FAITH

EPH 4:12 Consulting Services

## GOD

We believe that the one and only true God is a Spirit: holy, self-existent, infinite, personal, unchangeable, and eternal in His being; perfect in holiness, love, justice, goodness, wisdom, and truth; omnipotent, omniscient, and omnipresent; creator and sustainer of all things, visible and invisible; both present throughout the universe and transcendent to creation; eternally existent in three persons, one in substance and equal in power and glory as God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Genesis 1:1-31; Exodus 3:13-15; Exodus 34:5-7; Deuteronomy 6:4; Deuteronomy 32:4; 1 Kings 8:27; Nehemiah 9:6; Psalm 90:2; Psalm 103:8; Psalm 116:5; Psalm 147:5; Isaiah 40:28; Jeremiah 23:23-24; Malachi 3:6; Matthew 28:19; John 4:24; John 14:16-17; Acts 17:24-28a; 1 Corinthians 8:4; Colossians 1:19; 1 Timothy 1:17; Hebrews 1:2; 2 Peter 3:9; 1 John 4:10-16

## GOD, the Father

We believe that God, the Father is the first person of the triune Godhead. The eternal Father of our Lord Jesus Christ is the author of salvation; thus, He freely gave His Son as gift to all of mankind to pay the penalty for the sins mankind had no way of paying. The Father has graciously chosen from eternity past those whom He would have as His own.

Genesis 1:1; Psalm 90:2; John 3:16; John 16:28; Romans 8:15; Ephesians 1:3-6; Hebrews 12:5-9; 1 Peter 1:2-3; 1 John 2:23; 1 John 3:1

## GOD, the Son

We believe that God, the Son is Jesus Christ, who is the second person of the triune Godhead, has eternal existence and is One with the Father. Jesus Christ is the visible image of the invisible God. In His incarnation, Jesus Christ was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary; thus, He united the divine and human natures being born fully God and fully man, yet without sin into one unique person of Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ is God's personal Word to mankind; He is sinless and the Savior and Lord of all mankind. His voluntary, perfect substitutionary death on our behalf on a Roman cross is the only atonement for the sins of the world. Jesus rose bodily from the dead in three days and was seen by hundreds of eyewitnesses. His death, burial, and resurrection rescued all of mankind from a spiritual death and an eternal separation from God in Hell. Jesus Christ, the Son of God, not only provided eternal salvation but also an eternal relationship with God, the Father. After His ascent into Heaven, He currently sits at the right hand of the Father where He presently mediates as the believers' Advocate and High Priest. He is sovereign in power and lordship as manifested in His miraculous works and wisdom. Jesus Christ, the Son of God will imminently return in power and glory for all of mankind to bow down before Him as Lord.

Exodus 34:5-7; Isaiah 7:14; Isaiah 53:3-8; Matthew 28:18-20; John 3:31-36; Luke 1:35; John 1:1-3, 14, 18; John 14:1-6; John 5:22, 27; John 6:32, 35, 39-40; John 10:10, 30; John 17:5; John 20:3-10; Acts 2:22, 24-32; Acts 5:31; Romans 1:3-4; Romans 3:24; Romans 8:34; 2 Corinthians 5:18-19; Ephesians 1:19-22; Philippians 2:5-11; Colossians 1:15-22; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; 1 Timothy 2:5-6; Titus 2:13; Hebrews 1:8; Hebrews 2:4; Hebrews 4:15; Hebrews 7:24-28; 1 Peter 1:18-21; 1 Peter 2:22-24; 1 Peter 3:18; 1 John 2:1-2; 1 John 4:10; 1 John 5:12; Matthew 24:30, 42-44; Acts 1:11; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Revelation 1:5-8

## **GOD, the Holy Spirit**

We believe that God, the Holy Spirit is the third person of the triune Godhead, possessing all the attributes of deity making Him co-equal with the Father and the Son. His office and work is to convict mankind of sin, righteousness, and judgment; to regenerate such as He enables to repent of their sins and believe on the Lord Jesus Christ; to sanctify, empower, teach, guide, and comfort the believer; to glorify the Lord Jesus Christ. The scriptures reveal the work of the Holy Spirit in the Church to be that of uniting believers into the body of Christ, as the temple of God; having sealed them for the day of redemption; having given the body of inspired truth and imparting to them illumination and guidance into all truth, equipping them with gifts and grace for service and presiding over and guiding them into living out the will of God. Eradication of sin is not possible, but the indwelling Holy Spirit in the person who has received salvation does provide for victory over sin.

John 3:5-6; John 14:16-18, 26; John 15:26; John 16:7-14; Acts 1:8; Romans 12:6-8;  
1 Corinthians 2:10-12; 1 Corinthians 3:16; 1 Corinthians 12:4-11; 1 Corinthians 12:13; Galatians 5:22-23; Ephesians 4:30;  
Titus 3:4-6

## **The Bible**

We believe that the Bible is the Word of God and God's complete written revelation to man. The Bible is all fully inspired by the Holy Spirit and written by God's chosen authors to complete the Old Testament canon of 39 books and the 27 books in the New Testament canon. All of the Bible reveals the glory of God in King and Savior, Jesus Christ. The Word of God is inerrant, which means that the Scriptures in their original writings are true in everything that they said regarding all matters. The Holy Spirit superintended the human writers, working through their individual personalities and different writing styles, ensuring that the precise literal message was communicated as God intended. The Bible is the only authoritative, infallible rule for faith and practice for believers and followers of Jesus Christ. It is only through the Bible that we can come to the knowledge about God and His righteous standards for living.

2 Peter 1:20-21; 2 Timothy 3:16; Matthew 5:18; Matthew 24:35; John 5:39; John 17:17; 2 Timothy 3:15-17; Hebrews 4:12;  
Psalm 19:7-11; 1 Corinthians 2:7-14; 2 Timothy 2:15

## **Our Gift of Salvation**

We believe that salvation is made available freely to all mankind based on the sacrificial death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. Salvation can never be earned by man or worked towards, because it is offered to mankind as a free gift in believing in the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, and by faith receiving Him as Lord (ref. Romans 10:9-11). When a person experiences salvation, it is instantaneous and is accomplished solely by the power of the Holy Spirit through the instrumentality of the Word of God, when the repentant sinner, enabled by the Holy Spirit, responds in faith to the divine provision of God's gift of salvation. It is through God's gift of salvation to mankind that rescues every person from sin—its penalty, power, and presence. Without salvation from God, sin results in eternal separation from God, bondage and eternal spiritual destruction in hell. Receiving God's free gift of salvation through belief and faith in Christ Jesus results in the Holy Spirit coming to indwell in the new faith-follower, enabling he/she to live a holy life. In addition to being given eternal life in Heaven to live with God forever, many other divine gifts are also bestowed to the new faith-follower because of now being 'in Christ', some of which are: he/she is now a son or daughter of God who has been justified and declared righteous, given grace, forgiveness, hope, peace of mind and heart, joy, and the ability to have a close relationship with the Father.

Acts 4:11-12; John 3:31-36; Ephesians 1:13; Galatians 3:13; 1 Timothy 2:5-6; Hebrews 7:24-25; Hebrews 10:10; 1 John 2:2;  
Romans 3:25-28; John 17:3; Romans 3:20, 24, 26; Romans 10:9-11; 2 Corinthians 5:21; 2 Thessalonians 2:13b; Romans 4:5-6;  
Romans 8:33; John 14:27; John 15:1-11; Romans 5:1-7; Ephesians 1:17-18; 1 Peter 1:21-25

## Angels

We believe that God created all angels simultaneously by God as a great host of sinless spirit-beings, most of who kept their first state of holiness and presently worship God and serve His purposes. Angels were created to worship God and to do His bidding throughout the Heavens and on earth. The Bible is clear in that angels are not to be worshipped. Satan is the one angel that fell from sinlessness through pride and influenced one-third of the angels to follow him, who thereby became demons. Satan and his demons were defeated with the sacrificial death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. However, Satan still works to supplant the work of God and His children until he is permanently executed with his demons in the Lake of Fire at the end of the Millennium, which is the 1,000-year reign of Christ on earth.

Psalm 148:2-5; Matthew 26:53; Colossians 1:16; Hebrews 1:14; James 2:19; 2 Peter 2:4; Revelation 12:9; Isaiah 14:12-14; Ezekiel 28:12-18; Isaiah 14:12; Matthew 25:41; Luke 10:18; John 12:31-33; John 16:11; John 10:10; Revelation 12:9-11; Revelation 20:10

## Sexual Purity

We believe that that God intends sexual intimacy to occur only between a man and a woman who are married to each other. God has commanded in His Word that no intimate sexual activity be engaged in outside of a marriage between a man and a woman. We believe that any form of sexual immorality, such as adultery, fornication, homosexuality, bisexual conduct, bestiality, incest, pedophilia, and pornography is sinful and offensive to God. We also believe that sexual purity can be achieved by receiving God's free gift of salvation and Jesus' Holy Spirit, who equips, guides, and strengthens the Christ-follower into victory over sinful habits.

1 Corinthians 6:19-20; 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8; Genesis 2:24; 2 Peter 1:3-4; Colossians 3:1-17; Hebrews 13:4; Leviticus 18:1-30; Matthew 5:28; Romans 1:18-32; 1 Corinthians 6:9-11, 18-20; Galatians 5:13-26; 2 Corinthians 5:14-15, 17; Acts 3:19-21; Isaiah 44:22; 1 John 4:4; 1 John 5:1-5; Romans 8:5-9; James 1:21; Romans 6:13; 1 John 3:8-9

## Discipleship and Spiritual Growth

We believe that discipleship is a life-long commitment a Christ-follower makes to God to train in godliness so that one can spiritually grow and change to become more and more Christlike. This is a daily commitment to sacrifice his/her selfish desires, and instead, submit to the will of Christ by following the Holy Spirit. It is only by the Christ-follower choosing to partner with the work of grace through Jesus Christ that permits him/her to spiritually grow.

Luke 9:23; 1 Peter 1:13-16; Luke 14:27; Galatians 2:20; Matthew 28:16-20; John 8:31-32; Philippians 3:14; 2 Peter 1:3-11; Romans 12:2; Philippians 2:12b-13; Colossians 3:5-11; Galatians 5:13-26; Ephesians 4:23-24; 2 Thessalonians 2:13-17