

# STATEMENT OF FAITH

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## GOD, the Father

We believe that God, the Father is the first person of the triune Godhead. He is the eternal Father of our Lord Jesus Christ and 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.

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 past, present, and future sins of mankind. 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. 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, who possesses all the attributes of deity making Him co-equal with the Father and the Son. His responsibility is to convict mankind of sin, to enable a person to want to repent of their sins and receive God's free gift of Salvation. Once a person accepts Christ as his/her Lord and Savior, the Holy Spirit indwells the believer. In the believer's life, the Holy Spirit continues to transform his/her life to be more and more like Jesus Christ. In addition, the Holy Spirit enables him/her to communicate with God through prayer, empowers the believer, teaches, guides, comforts, and always glorifies the Lord Jesus Christ. He equips each believer with spiritual gift(s) for service in the Body of Christ. With the indwelling power and presence of God in a believer's life, victory over sin and the ability to live a lifestyle of holiness is achievable. Believers will never have a life free totally of sin while on earth, but the Holy Spirit allows a person to sin less and less.

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. 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 spoke through 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.

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 God's free gift to mankind offered through the death, burial, and resurrection of His Son, Jesus Christ. A person receives salvation by believing in Jesus through faith as Lord and Savior (ref. Romans 10:9-11). When a person experiences salvation, it is instantaneous and is accomplished solely by the power and work of the Holy Spirit, who allows the person to respond in faith to God's free provision of salvation. It is God's gift of salvation to mankind that rescues every person from sin—its penalty, power, and presence in the 'saved' person's life. Without salvation from God, our sin from birth, inherited from Adam's sinful fall, results in man being eternally separated from God, eternally bound to sin, and destined for 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 spirit of the new believer forever and allowing him/her to communicate with God in prayer.

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

## **Sexual Purity**

We believe that that God intends sexual intimacy to occur only in marriage between a man and a woman. We believe that all sin is offensive to God; however, sexual immorality is the only sin mentioned in the Bible that is also a sin against a person's own body, which results in greater harm to you physically, mentally, emotionally, and spiritually. In the life of a believer in Jesus Christ, we believe that sexual purity as well as victory over any other sin habit or addiction can be achieved by daily surrendering to the partnering work of the Holy Spirit in his/her life to make holy by behaving and reflecting more and more like the image of Jesus Christ.

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 and believer in Jesus makes to God by daily surrendering or 'sacrificing' his/her total lives (actions, thoughts, decisions, desires, etc.) to God's perfect, holy will. This is a daily commitment and personal decision to sacrifice your selfish desires and instead, submit to the will of Christ by following the Holy Spirit's guidance. It is only by the Christ-follower choosing to partner with the indwelling power of the Holy Spirit that permits him/her to spiritually and continually grow in faith, which is a life-long pursuit. All Christ-followers will be made perfect or without sin in our death and in eternity with God.

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