

Our Statement of Faith and Beliefs

THE BIBLE The Bible is the Holy Spirit inspired Word of God, the written record of His supernatural revelation of Himself to man, absolute in its authority, complete in its revelation, final in its content, and without error. This is God's revealed Word to man.

THE GODHEAD

God is One God, who reveals Himself in three Persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. (Deuteronomy 6:4; Isaiah 43:10, 11; Matthew 28:19; Luke 3:22)

- 1) **The Father** : who is Spirit, infinite, eternal and unchangeable in all His attributes.
- 2) **The Son , Jesus Christ** : His deity, virgin birth, sinless life, substitutionary atoning death, bodily resurrection, personal exaltation at God's right hand and personal return. He came to save man from condemnation of sin by offering His blood as an atonement and making it available to all who exercise faith in Him (Matthew 1:23; Luke 1:31; John 3:16; 1 Corinthians 15:3; 2 Corinthians 5:21).
- 3) **The Holy Spirit** : who is a Divine Person, equal with the Father and the Son and of the same nature. We believe that for salvation of lost and sinful man, regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential (Luke 7:50, 24:47; Romans 10:13-15; 1 Corinthians 1:18; 2 Corinthians 2:15; Ephesians 2:8 , 9 ; 2 Timothy 1:9; Titus 2:11, 3:5-7).
We believe that the baptism in the Holy Spirit is given to believers who ask for it (Joel 2:28; Acts 2:4).

THE ESTATE OF MAN

The fall and lost estate of man, whose total depravity alienates him from God, makes necessary his salvation . We believe that man is a sinful being in need of redemption (Genesis 1:26-31, 3:1-7; Psalm 51:5; Ecclesiastes 7:29; John 6:44; Romans 5:12-21; 1 Corinthians 2:14).

- 1) Man's salvation is only by grace, a free gift of God, through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, who died for our sins according to the Scriptures. Those who thus are moved by the Spirit of God to receive Christ by faith have their sins forgiven; their hearts cleansed, are born of the Spirit, become children of God and are made new Creatures in Christ. We believe in the sanctifying power of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a holy life (Romans 8:5; Philippians 2:12, 13; 1 Thessalonians 4:3; 1 John 2:29).
- 2) Saved, man is assured of eternal blessedness. Lost, man is assured of everlasting punishment in hell. We believe in the bodily resurrection of both the saved and the lost; the saved to everlasting life and the lost without Christ to everlasting damnation. (Matthew 24:31-46; Acts 24:15; Revelation 22:11). We believe that all mankind is subject to the death of

the body as a result of original sin. The soul and spirit do not die, but immediately after death enter into a conscious state of happiness or misery according to the character here possessed by rejection or acceptance of the Savior (Ecclesiastes 12:7; Romans 5:12; Philippians 1:23)

We believe that we are seated with Christ in heavenly places. Eph. 2:4- 22 “But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. **And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus,**

in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. 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.

Therefore, remember that formerly you who are Gentiles by birth and called "uncircumcised" by those who call themselves "the circumcision" (that done in the body by the hands of men) — remember that at that time you were separate from Christ, excluded from citizenship in Israel and foreigners to the covenants of the promise, without hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near through the blood of Christ.

For he himself is our peace, who has made the two one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, by abolishing in his flesh the law with its commandments and regulations. His purpose was to create in himself one new man out of the two, thus making peace, and in this one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility. He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near. For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit.

Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and aliens, but fellow citizens with God's people and members of God's household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.”

THE CHURCH

The church is the bride of Christ. In its universal aspect, it comprises the whole body of those

who have been born of the Spirit, and in its local expression it is established for worship, mutual edification, and witness.

THE CHRISTIAN LIFE

If man is to fellowship with his Holy God, his Christian life must be holy. God in His grace has made this life available to man :

- 1) He has given him the Scriptures that he might see sin.
- 2) He has given him the Holy Spirit to convict of sin.
- 3) He has given His Son to pay the penalty of sin.
- 4) He has given him access to His throne of grace that he might confess his sin and be forgiven and cleansed.

Christian living includes Christian service, the winning of souls and the preaching and teaching of the gospel in the uttermost parts of the earth in order to fulfill Christ's great commission.

- 1) In carrying on this work there is needed the supernatural power of the Holy Spirit.
- 2) In all this service prayer is to have the central place.

THE CHRISTIAN HOPE

Jesus Christ will come again to earth the second time. We are to look for His soon return, to long for it for He will come personally, bodily and visibly and with power and glory. We believe in the personal imminent return of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ (Acts 1:11; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18)