

STATEMENT OF FAITH

GOD

There is one God, who is infinitely perfect, existing eternally in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (Deuteronomy 6:4; Matthew 5:48; Matthew 28:19).

JESUS CHRIST

Jesus Christ is the true God and the true man. He was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He was perfectly righteous, without sin, though he was tempted as we are, He died on the cross as a substitutionary sacrifice. All who believe in Him are justified by His blood which satisfied God's judgment against sin. He rose from the dead according to the scriptures and is now at the right hand of Majesty on High as our great High Priest. He will come again to establish His Kingdom, righteousness and peace (Philippians 2:6-11; Luke 1:34-38; 1 Peter 3:18; Romans 5:9; Acts 2:23-24; Matthew 26:64).

HOLY SPIRIT

The Holy Spirit is a divine person who indwells, guides, teaches, empowers and gifts the believer. He convinces of sin, righteousness and judgment (John 14:15-18; John 16:13; Acts 1:8; John 16:7-11).

THE BIBLE

The Old and New Testaments, inerrant as originally given, were verbally inspired by God and are the complete revelation of his will for the salvation of mankind. The Scriptures constitute the divine and only rule of Christian faith and practice (2 Peter 1:20-21; 2 Timothy 3:15-16).

MAN

Man was created in the image and likeness of God: as a result of sin, he incurred physical and spiritual death. All of mankind is born with a sinful nature, we are separated from life with God, and can be saved only through the atoning sacrifice of the Lord Jesus Christ on the cross. The fate of the unrepentant and unbelieving is existence forever in conscious torment; and that of the believer, in everlasting joy and bliss (Genesis 1:27; Romans 3:23; 1 Corinthians 15:20-23; Revelations 21:1-4). Salvation has been provided through Jesus Christ for all men; and those who repent and believe in him are born again of the Holy Spirit, receive the gift of eternal life and become the children of God (Titus 3:4-7).

GROWING IN GOD

It is the will of God that each believer should be filled with the Holy Spirit and be sanctified wholly, progressively be set apart from sin and living as one set free from fleshly and sinful practices. The Holy Spirit fills the believer with God's power to live righteously and to serve effectively. This sanctifying work of the Holy Spirit within the believer is both a momentary and a progressive experience in the inner life and witnessed by fruits of the Spirit (1 Thessalonians 5:23; Acts 1:8; Romans 6:1-14; Ephesians 5:18; Galatians 5).

DIVINE HEALING

Prayer for the sick and anointing with oil are taught in the Scriptures and are practiced by the Church (Matthew 8:16-17; James 5:13-16).

THE CHURCH AND GOD'S KINGDOM

The church consists of all those who believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, are redeemed through his blood, and are born again of the Holy Spirit. Christ is the head of the body, the Church, which has been commissioned by him to go into all the world as witness, preaching the gospel to all nations. The local church is a body of believers in Christ who are joined together for the worship of God; for edification through the Word of God and the employment of spiritual gifts; and for prayer, fellowship, and observance of the ordinances of baptism and the Lord's Supper (Ephesians 1:22-23; Matthew 28:19-20; Acts 2:41-47).

THE FUTURE

There shall be a bodily resurrection of the just and the unjust; for the just, a resurrection unto life; for the unjust, a resurrection unto judgment (1 Corinthians 15:20-23; John 5:28-29). The second coming of the Lord Jesus Christ is imminent and will be personal, visible and pre-millennial. This is the believer's blessed hope and is a vital truth, which is an incentive to holy living and faithful service (Hebrews 10:37).