

Statement of Faith

1. **THE WORD OF GOD.** We believe that the Bible is the Word of God, fully inspired and without error in the original manuscripts, written under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, and that it is the supreme authority in all matters of faith and conduct.
2. **THE TRINITY.** We believe that there is one living and true God, eternally existing in three persons; that these are equal in every Divine perfection, and that they execute distinct but harmonious offices in the work of creation and providence and redemption.
3. **GOD THE FATHER.** We believe in God the Father, an infinite, personal Spirit, perfect in holiness, wisdom, power, and love. We believe that He concerns Himself mercifully in the affairs of people, that He hears and answers prayer, and that He saves from sin and death all who will come to Him through Jesus Christ.
4. **JESUS CHRIST.** We believe in Jesus Christ, God's only begotten Son, conceived by the Holy Spirit. We believe in His virgin birth, sinless life, miracles and teachings. We believe in His substitutionary, atoning death, bodily resurrection, ascension into heaven, perpetual intercession for His people, and personal, premillennial return.
5. **THE HOLY SPIRIT.** We believe in the Holy Spirit who came forth from the Father and Son to convict the world of sin, righteousness and judgment, and to regenerate, sanctify and empower all who believe in Jesus Christ. We believe that the Holy Spirit indwells every believer in Christ, and that He is an abiding helper, teacher and guide.
6. **HUMANITY.** We believe that all people by nature and choice are sinners but that, "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." We believe, therefore, that those who accept Christ as Lord and Savior will rejoice forever in God's presence. Those who refuse to accept Christ as Savior will be forever separated from God and spend eternity in Hell.
7. **THE CHURCH.** We believe in the Church, a living spiritual body of which Christ is the Head, of which all regenerated people are members. We believe that a local church is a company of believers in Jesus Christ, immersed upon a credible confession of faith, and associated for worship, work and fellowship. We believe that God has laid hold upon the members of the local church the primary task of giving the Gospel of Jesus Christ to a lost world.
8. **THE ORDINANCES.** We believe that there are two Church ordinances; namely, Baptism and the Lord's Supper. Baptism is the immersion of a believer in water showing forth the believer's identification in the death, burial and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ. The Lord's Supper is the remembrance of the Lord's death until He comes, and should be observed only by believers after solemn self-examination.
9. **CHRISTIAN CONDUCT.** We believe that a Christian should live for the glory of God and the well-being of others; that their conduct should be blameless before the world; that they should be faithful stewards of their possessions; and that they should seek to realize for themselves and others the full stature of maturity in Christ.
10. **RELIGIOUS LIBERTY.** We believe that every human being is able to have direct relations with God through faith in Jesus Christ and is responsible to God alone in all matters of faith; that this church is independent and autonomous and must be free from interference by any ecclesiastical or political authority; that therefore Church and State must be kept separate as having separate functions, each fulfilling its duties free from dictation or patronage of the other.
11. **SANCTIFICATION.** We believe that the Scriptures teach that sanctification is the process by which, according to the will of God, we are made partakers of His holiness; that it is a progressive work, begun in regeneration and carried on in the hearts of believers by the presence and power of the Holy Spirit; that all believers in the Lord Jesus Christ are called into a life of separation from worldly and sinful practices. It is accomplished by the study of the Word of God, prayer, watchfulness, self-denial, self-examination and the practice of all godly exercises and duties.