

Statement of Faith

The Scripture

We believe the Bible to be the work of God; that the sixty-six books comprising the Old and New Testaments are verbally inspired in all parts and therefore completely without error as originally given by God: that it is our final authority, our only and all-sufficient rule of faith and practice.

God the Father

We believe there is one living and true God, who is inexpressibly holy, infinite, eternal, and perfect in all His attributes; who is self-existing in three distinct persons - Father, Son and Holy Spirit, each of whom is to be honoured and worshipped equally.

The Lord Jesus Christ

We believe the Lord Jesus Christ is the Son of God and God the Son who eternally existed in pre-incarnate glory. We believe in His virgin birth, sinless life, all-sufficient substitutionary death, victorious bodily resurrection, triumphant ascension, present intercession and personal glorious return.

The Holy Spirit

We believe in the absolute deity and personality of the Holy Spirit; that He is the divine agent in the sinner's regeneration and the believer's sanctification. We believe He baptizes all believers into the body of Christ, indwelling and sealing them until the day of redemption.

Satan

We believe in the existence and personality of Satan; that he was created perfect; but through pride rebelled against God thus becoming utterly depraved; that he is the adversary of God and His children, and is the power behind the world's godless and deceptive activity; that he was defeated at the cross; that his final doom is settled in the lake of fire.

Man

We believe that man was directly created by God; that he through personal disobedience became a fallen creature thus incurring both physical and spiritual death upon the human race. Being then totally depraved, he is dependent upon the mercy of God.

Salvation

We believe that salvation is the free gift of God, neither merited nor secured in part or in whole by any virtue or work of man but received only by personal faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. It is bestowed only by the sovereign grace of God through the all-sufficient sacrifice of Christ and is provided for all. We believe that those whom God has effectually called shall be preserved and finally perfected in the image of the Lord.

The Church

We believe the New Testament local church is a company of believers voluntarily associated together for: the ministry of The Word; mutual helpfulness and edification; observance of the ordinances and fulfillment of the great commission (making disciples, baptizing and teaching to the ends of the earth). We believe the church is to be sovereign and under no higher ecclesiastical authority. We believe that Christians are to live soberly, righteously, and godly in this present world.

Church ordinances

We believe there are two church ordinances in the New Testament in the following order: Baptism and the Lord's Supper. We believe baptism to be the immersion in water of a believer in testimony of union by faith with Christ in His death, burial and resurrection. We believe the Lord's Supper to be symbolized by the "fruit of the vine" representing the blood of Christ and by the bread which represents the broken body of Christ. We partake of it as a testimony of our believing faith in the death of Christ and the efficacy of His shed blood and it is to be observed "until He comes".

It is important that each member regularly and humbly observes this memorial ordinance to continue to be in spiritual fellowship and to be a member in good standing.

Marriage

We believe that God's intention for marriage is established throughout the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments; that God ordained marriage to be the voluntary union for life of one man and one woman; that sexual intimacy is legitimate only within the bounds of marriage; that in Christian marriages, the local church acts as a supportive community to marriage relationships and as a primary witness for accountability within marriage relationships; and that a healthy marriage is the best foundation for families and the raising of children.

Future things

We believe in the personal, imminent, bodily and glorious return of the Lord Jesus Christ and that as Christians we will be resurrected to appear before the Judgment Seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due according to what he has done in the body. We believe in the eternal blessedness of the righteous and in the eternal punishment of the wicked. The wicked will be judged at the Great White Throne judgment.

Civil government

We believe that civil government is of divine appointment for the interest and good order of society; that authorities are to be prayed for, conscientiously honoured and obeyed, except only in the things opposed to the will of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the only Lord of the conscience and Prince of the kings of the earth.

Church and State

We believe in the entire separation of church and state.

Religious liberty

We believe in religious liberty; that every man has the right to practice and propagate his beliefs.

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