



## **Our Statement of Faith**

We believe there is one living and true God, eternally existing in three persons; the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, equal in power and glory, who created all, upholds all, and governs all.

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, His substitutionary atoning death, bodily resurrection, ascension into heaven, perpetual intercession for His people, and personal, visible return to earth. We believe that He is one and the same as God, fully human and fully God.

We believe that all the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the Word of God, fully inspired and without error in the original autographs, and that they are the only infallible rule of faith and practice. The Word of God is the only foundation upon which this church operates, and is the basis for which this church is governed. We believe the Word of God stands above any earthly law that is contrary to the Holy Scriptures. We believe that the Bible is final and complete in its existing canon of 66 books.

We believe that God is the Creator. We believe that God created humanity and that He created them male and female, as such He created them different in order to complement and complete each other. God instituted marriage between male and female as the past, present, and future foundation of the family and the basic structure of human society.

We believe that God is sovereign in sustaining and controlling what takes place in the world, and human beings as made in the image of God are fully responsible for their choices. The Bible states both forcefully but does not seem to tell us how they are easily reconciled.

We believe the Lord Jesus Christ committed two ordinances to the Church: 1) baptism by immersion, and 2) the Lord's Supper (Communion), both of which are open to all believers in Jesus Christ.

We believe in God, the Father, an infinite, personal Spirit, perfect in holiness, wisdom, power, and love; that He concerns Himself mercifully in human affairs; that He hears and answers prayer; and that He saves from sin and death all who come to Him through Jesus Christ.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, who proceeds from the Father and the Son to convict the world of sin, righteousness, and judgment and to regenerate, sanctify, and empower in

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ministry all who believe in Christ. We believe the Holy Spirit indwells every believer in Jesus Christ and that He is an abiding Helper, Teacher, and Guide. We believe that Jesus Christ baptizes the seeking believer with the Holy Spirit and power for service, either at the time of or subsequent to regeneration. We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit and in the exercise of all biblical gifts of the Spirit as reflected through the fruit of that same Spirit.

We believe all people are by nature separated from God and responsible for their own sin, but that salvation, redemption, and forgiveness are freely offered by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. When any person repents of sin and accepts Jesus Christ as his/her personal Lord and Savior, trusting Him to save, that person is immediately born again and sealed by the Holy Spirit, all of his/her sins are forgiven, and that person becomes a child of God, destined to spend eternity with the Lord.

We believe in the literal, imminent, personal and visible Second Coming of Jesus Christ with His saints to rule the earth.

We believe that all true believers in Jesus are members of the universal church, which is primarily expressed through local churches. We believe local church government is directly answerable to Jesus Christ as its Head and is responsible before God for the stewardship of the people under its care, and should fulfill that mandate in a simple and efficient way.

We believe that spiritual gifts are for the building up of the church and that they are to be exercised in love, decently and in order. We believe that love is more important than the most spectacular gifts, and without love, all exercise of spiritual gifts is worthless.