

Statement of Faith

(A few of the fundamental truths of Scripture, condensed)

We believe the Bible is the inspired Word of God, absolutely authoritative and infallible.

We believe there is only one true God, eternally existent in three Persons—God the Father, God the Son (Jesus Christ), and God the Holy Spirit.

Concerning our Lord Jesus Christ, we believe:

He created all things. (John 1:1, 3, 10, 14)

He came to Earth as God in human form, born of a virgin.

He lived a sinless life, performed many miracles, and was put to death on the Cross. His shed blood was an atoning sacrifice for our sin.

He arose from the dead, thereby conquering death and Satan.

He now sits, exalted, at the right hand of God, the Father, in Heaven.

He is the Head of the church, which is His body, made up of believers.

He will, at a future undisclosed date, call His church to meet Him in the air.

He will return with His church, following a time of tribulation, to reign over the earth for a peaceful millennium. Satan will then be released (for a short while) and judgment will follow.

We believe in the fall and total depravity of man. “For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.” Romans 3:23

We believe that all who have died will continue on in eternity—believers in everlasting communion with God (blessing), and unbelievers in everlasting separation from God (judgment).

We believe that the offer of salvation is a gift of God’s grace, accessible only by faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and His atoning blood, totally apart from merit or works of any kind. Romans 6:23 - “For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.” Romans 3:24—“being justified as a gift by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus.” Ephesians 2:8-9 – “For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast.”

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We believe that all who repent of their sins (agree with God that they are sinners), realize that they cannot save themselves, seek His forgiveness and personally put their faith and trust in the Lord Jesus Christ alone to save them are: eternally saved, forgiven of all their sins, indwelt and sealed by the Holy Spirit as a promise guaranteeing their redemption; and have been baptized by the Holy Spirit into the body of Christ (the Church), having become children of God—a new creation in Christ with a new nature.

We believe in the eternal security of the believer—that having truly believed in Jesus Christ for our salvation, we cannot be lost; i.e., once saved, we cannot be “unsaved”.

We believe that as new creations in Christ we will continue to wrestle with our sin nature. Our goal, however, (with Christ’s help) is to continue to grow in grace, becoming more like Him. As believers, God expects our lives to reflect that we belong to Him and that we are pursuing a holy life. We understand that ultimate perfection and freedom from sin will only come when we finally stand in the Lord’s presence.

We believe God has commissioned all believers to share His life-transforming truth with others.