

STATEMENT OF FAITH

TRINITY: There is only one true God who is the eternal King, Creator and Redeemer of all. God is love, but is perfectly holy, just and truthful. He revealed Himself to be eternally self-existent - one being in three persons: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. These three are co-equal and co-eternal. 1John 5:7; Genesis 1:26; Matthew 3:16-17, 28:19; Luke 1:35; Isaiah 9:6; Hebrews 3:7-11).

HOLY BIBLE: The Holy Bible, and only the Bible, is the inspired, only infallible, inerrant and authoritative Word of God. It alone is the final authority in determining all doctrinal truths. (2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:20-21; Proverbs 30:5; Romans 16:25-26)

MANKIND: Mankind was created in the image of God to enjoy and know Him. Mankind willfully rejected the Lordship and glory of God which He intended for us. The result of this is sickness, death and judgment which entered the world. Now, creation experiences the consequences of our sin and its effects.

VIRGIN BIRTH: Jesus Christ was conceived by God the Father, through the Holy Spirit (the third person of the Trinity) in the virgin Mary's womb; therefore He is the Son of God. (Matthew 1:18, 23-25; Luke 1:27-35; Isaiah 7:14)

JESUS CHRIST OF NAZARETH: The Lord Jesus Christ, the one and only Son of God, conceived by Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, is God's Anointed One. He is God's Messiah empowered by Holy Spirit to bring God's Kingdom to earth as it is in heaven. Jesus Christ is God the Son; the second person of the Trinity. On earth, Jesus was 100% God and 100% man. He is the only man ever to have lived a sinless life. He was crucified for our sins, died, was buried, resurrected and ascended into heaven, is alive & active today in the presence and glory of God the Father and in His believers by faith. With His perfect timing He will return to earth to complete the redemption and restoration of mankind before sin. He is "God" and "man". Jesus Christ has all authority in heaven and on earth. (John 1:1, 14, 20:28; 1 Timothy 2:5, 3:16; Isaiah 9:6; Philippians 2:5-6)

SALVATION: We are saved by grace through faith in Jesus Christ of Nazareth; his death, burial, and resurrection. Salvation is a gift from God, not a result of our good works or of any human efforts. Anyone can be restored to wholeness & fellowship with Him through repenting, believing and receiving Jesus as their Savior and Lord. (Ephesians 2:8-9; Galatians 2:16, 3:8; Titus 3:5; Romans 10:9-19; Acts 16:31; Hebrews 9:22; James 5:15)

REDEMPTION: Man was created good and upright, but by voluntary transgression he fell; his only hope of redemption is in Jesus Christ of Nazareth, the Son of God (Genesis 1:26-31, 3:1-7; Romans 5:12-21)

REPENTANCE: The commitment to turn away from sin and every area of our lives and to fully follow Christ Jesus, which allows us to receive His redemption and to be regenerated by the Holy Spirit. Thus, through repentance we receive forgiveness of sins and appropriate salvation. (Acts 2:21, 3:19; 1John 1:9)



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SANCTIFICATION: Sanctification is the ongoing process of yielding to God's World and His Sprit in order to complete the development of Christ's character in us. It is through the present ministry of the Holy Spirit and the Word of God that the Christian is enabled to live a godly life. (1Thessalonians 4:3, 5:23; 2 Corinthians 3:18, 6:14-18; 2 Thessalonians 2:1-3; Romans 8:29, 12:1-2; Hebrews 2:11)

JESUS' BLOOD: The blood that Jesus Christ shed on the cross of Calvary was sinless and was 100% sufficient to cleanse mankind of all sin forever. Jesus allowed himself to be punished for both our sinfulness and our sins, enabling all those who believe to be free from the penalty of sin, which is death. (1John 1:7; Revelation 1:5, 5:9; Colossians 1:20; Romans 3:10-12, 23, 5:9; John 1:29)

JESUS CHRIST & HOLY SPIRIT INDWELL ALL BELIEVERS: Christians are people who have invited the Lord Jesus Christ to come and live inside them by His Holy Spirit. They relinquish the authority of their lives over to Him, thus making Jesus the Lord of their life as well as Savior. They put their trust in what Jesus accomplished & finished for them when he died, was buried, and rose again from the dead. (John 1:12, 14:17, 23, 15:4; Romans 8:11; Revelations 3:20)

RESURRECTION: Jesus Christ was physically resurrected from the dead in glorified body three days after His death on the cross. In addition, both the saved and the lost will be resurrected; they that are saved to the resurrection of life and they that are lost to the resurrection of eternal damnation (Luke 24:16, 36, 30; John 2: 19-21, 20: 26-28, 21: 4; Acts 34:15; 1 Corinthians 15:42; Philippians 1:21-23, 3:21)

REGENERATION & RENEWAL: For anyone to know God, regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential (John 6:44, 65; Romans 12:1-2)

HOLY SPIRIT: God the Holy Spirit, third person of the Trinity; convicts, regenerates, justifies and adopts us as we enter the Kingdom of God as His sons and daughters. In the cleansing and redemptive power of Holy Spirit, He indwells and empowers the Christian to live a holy life and minister supernaturally.

BAPTISM IN THE HOLY SPIRIT: In the baptism of the Holy Spirit according to Acts 1 & 2, He is pouring out on all believers that they may have power to be His witnesses. It is their opportunity to fully allow Him to fill their lives with love, joy, and peace. Given at Pentecost, it is the promise of the Father, sent by Jesus after His ascension, to empower the church to preach the Gospel throughout the whole earth. (Joel 2:28-29; Matthew 3:11; Mark 16:17; Acts 1:5, 2:1-4, 17, 38-30, 8:14-17, 10:38, 44-47, 11:15-17)

THE GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT: The Holy Spirit is manifested through a variety of spiritual gifts to build and sanctify the church, demonstrate the validity of the resurrection and confirm the power of the Gospel. The Bible lists of these gifts are not necessarily exhaustive, and the gifts may occur in various combinations. All believers are commanded to earnestly desire the manifestation of the gifts in their lives. These gifts always operate in harmony with the scriptures and should never be used in violation of biblical parameters. (Hebrews 2:4; Romans 1:11, 12:4-8; Ephesians 4:16; 2 Timothy 1:5016, 4:14; 1 Corinthians 12:1-31, 14:1-40; 1 Peter 4:10)



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THE CHURCH: The church is the Body of Christ, the habitation of God through the Spirit, with divine appointments for the fulfillment of Jesus' great commission. It consists of all believers who put their personal faith in Jesus Christ. The Church exists to carry the ministry of Jesus and advance His Kingdom on earth as it is in heaven, and dismantling the works of the enemy. Every person who is born of the Spirit is an integral part of the church as a member of the body of believers. There is a spiritual unity of all believers in our Lord Jesus Christ. (Ephesians 1:22, 2:19-22; Hebrews 12:23; John 17:11, 20-23)

TWO SACRAMENTS GIVEN TO THE CHURCH:

Water Baptism: Following faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, the new convert is commanded by the Word of God to be baptized in water in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. (Matthew 28:19; Acts 2:38)

The Lord's Supper: A unique time of communion in the presence of God when the elements of bread and gape juice (The Body and Blood of the Lord Jesus Christ) are taken in remembrance of Jesus' sacrifice on the cross (Matthew 26: 26-29), "and the gifts of the Holy Spirit that He divided up to equip His body to do His work."

HEALING OF THE SICK: Healing of the sick is illustrated in the life and ministry of Jesus, and included in the commission of Jesus to His disciples. It is given as a sign which is to follow believers. It is also a part of Jesus' work on the cross and one of the gifts of the Spirit. (Psalm 103:2-3; Isaiah 53:5; Matthew 8:16-17; Mark 16: 17-18; Acts 8:6-7; James 5: 14-16; 1 Corinthians 12:9, 28; Romans 11:29)

ABUNDANT LIFE: In receiving ALL that Christ Jesus died for on the cross, every believer may live an abundant and victorious life. The enemy tries to kill, steal & destroy. On earth as it is in heaven, a life of freedom from the accusations, schemes, temptation, lies, sickness, sin and torment of the enemy is possible, though the real battle is not against flesh & blood, but rather a spiritual battle. (John 10:10; Ephesians 6)

THE GREAT COMMISSION: As stated in Matthew 28:16-18, "¹⁶ Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, <u>to the mountain which Jesus had appointed for them.</u> ¹⁷ When they saw Him, <u>they worshiped Him</u>; but some doubted. ¹⁸ And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "<u>All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.</u> ¹⁹ <u>Go therefore</u> and <u>make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them</u> in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ <u>teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you;</u> and lo, <u>I am with you always</u>, even to the end of the age."



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"KINGDOM" MENTALITY: God wants to expand His Kingdom and bring in His harvest. God has appointed each believer to a mountain or sphere of influence. We are to make disciples of all the nations, teaching them to observe all the things that God the Trinity commanded us. All believers are to "sent" after they have been trained, equipped, and activated in their calling given by Holy Spirit with His confirmation when He says they are ready to go. God is on the move and is changing the face of Christianity from the "traditions of men" to relationship with Him with intimacy through His Word and His Spirit in spirit and truth. God is continuously demonstrating His love toward mankind on issues. Mankind has been given a free-will as designed by His Creator to choose His way.

SECOND COMING: In the ever increasing government of God and in the Blessed Hope, this is the glorious visible return of the Lord Jesus Christ for His bride, the Church. Jesus Christ will physically and visibly return to earth for the second time to establish His kingdom. This will occur at a date undisclosed by the scriptures (Matthew 24:30, 26:63-64; Acts 1:9-11; 1Thessalonians 4:15-17, 2 Thessalonians 1:7-8; Revelation 1:7)

HEAVEN & HELL: Heaven and hell are real places. There will be a resurrection of the saved and judgment of the lost; the one to everlasting life and the other to everlasting torment & death. (Matthew 5:3, 12, 20, 6:20, 19:21, 25-34; John 17: 24; 2 Corinthians 5:1; Hebrews 11:16; 1 Peter 1:4; Matthew 25:41; Mark 9:43-48; Hebrews 9:27; Revelation 14:9-11, 20:12-15, 21:8)

GOD'S WILL FOR PROVISION: It is the Father's will for believers to become whole, healthy and successful in all areas of life. But because of the fall, many may not receive the full benefits of God's will while on earth. That fact, through should never prevent all believers from seeking the full benefits of Christ's provision in order to better serve others.

- 1. Spiritual (John 3:3-11; 2 Corinthians 5:17-21; Romans 10:9-10)
- 2. Mental and emotional (2 Timothy 1:7; 2:11; Philippians 4:7-8; Romans 12:2; Isaiah 26:3)
- 3. Physical (Isaiah 53:4-5; Matthew 8:17; 1 Peter 2:24)
- 4. Financial (Joshua 1:8; Malachi 3:10-11; Luke 6:38; 2 Corinthians 9:6-10; Deuteronomy 28:1-14; Psalm 34:10, 84:11; Philippians 4:19)