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Statement of Faith

The Holy Scriptures

We believe...

The all-wise God has revealed Himself, and His will for His creation, through the written Word as found in the sixty-six books of the Old and New Testaments. These Scriptures are inspired by God therefore inerrant in their original writings and are our all sufficient rule for faith and practice. They are the eternal, supreme and final authority in all areas of human existence. (Isa. 40:8; 2 Tim. 3:16-17; 2 Peter 1: 20-21)

The Godhead

We believe...

Almighty God is sovereign over the universe and the Creator of all things. There is only one God; eternally existent in three persons: God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit. The Lord our God, the Lord is one. These three are in perfect unity, having the same nature, attributes and perfection. The Lord God is omniscient, omnipotent, omnipresent; existing in absolute power, goodness and love. (Gen. 1: 26; Deut. 6:4; Psalm 139:1-12; Matt. 28:18-20; 1 John 4:8; Rev. 19:6)

Jesus Christ

We believe...

Jesus Christ is the only begotten Son of the Father; the one, only, and true Son of the Living God. He came to earth in human form by the Father's will and in His Father's image. He was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, truly God, truly man. He was the epitome of perfection; tempted in every way yet completely sinless. He was crucified for our transgressions, vicariously dying for the sins of all mankind. He died, was buried, then bodily resurrected on the third day; ascending to the right hand of God the Father Almighty; seated as High Priest, Advocate, King. (Matt. 1:23; John 1:1-3; 14, 10:30; 1 Cor. 15: 3-8; 2 Cor. 5:21; Gal. 4:4; Col. 2:9; Heb. 1:1-3, 4:15, 5:5-6)

The Holy Spirit

We believe...

The Holy Spirit is One with God and proceeds forth from God. He comes to convict the world of sin, righteousness, judgment and the need of salvation. He indwells in the heart of every true believer and has been given to us as a guarantee of the promise of eternal life that is ours in Christ Jesus the Lord. He is the source of all power, all strength, all hope. He is the equipper of every child of God and imparts His gifts for service in accordance with the will of the Father. (John 15:26, 16:7-11; Rom. 8:9; 1 Cor. 12; Eph. 1:13-14, 4: 7-12)

Salvation of Man

We believe...

All mankind has sinned and has fallen short of the Glory of God. God, the righteous judge, has decreed that the consequence of this act of rebellion is eternal separation from Himself and everlasting punishment in Hell. In His love for His creation, God has provided atonement by which mankind can be redeemed – the shed blood of His only Son Jesus Christ. It is only through one's confession of faith in Christ; in His virgin birth, His life and ministry, His sacrificial, physical death on the cross, His bodily resurrection from the dead, His ascension into heaven and His bodily return to earth for His church, that mankind can be saved. There is no other name, method or religious ritual by which mankind can receive salvation. Whosoever would call upon the Name of the Lord in truth shall be saved. (John 1:29; Rom. 3:23, 26, 5:6-11; Rom. 8:11, 10:8-12; 1Tim. 2:5; 1 Pet. 3:18)

The Resurrection of the Dead

We believe...

There surely is a resurrection of the dead. For the children of God, unto eternal life in glory; for the children of darkness, judgment and eternal damnation. For it is appointed unto every man to die once, then face judgment. All believers have the promise of Almighty God made sure in the bodily resurrection of their Savior, Jesus Christ. He is the first fruits of all who would come after Him; all who are called by God unto eternal life. (John 5:28-29, 11:25; Rom. 6:5-9; 1 Cor. 15:21-23; 1 Pet. 1:3-5)

The Church

We believe...

Jesus Christ is the singular Head of the Church; in all power and authority. The Church is the Body of Christ, the redeemed of the Lord; composed of all true believers from every tribe, tongue and nation, from all the ages. (Col. 1:18; Eph.1:22-23; Rev. 5:9)

The Local Church

We believe...

The Church of God is comprised of individual, local churches that are to be organized and self governed as commanded in Scripture. The purpose of the local church is to provide for the worship of God by His children; the edification of the saints through the Holy Word of God and the evangelization of the lost. It has as its basis four foundational practices: the teaching of the Apostles doctrine, the fellowship, the breaking of bread and prayer. (Matt. 28:19; Acts 2:42; Rom. 14:19)

Local Church Government

We believe:

The Scriptures provide the structure for the governance of the local church. The Lord has set Elders over His church; with specific qualifications and responsibilities as written in the Word of God. The Elders are to serve the church as pastors (shepherds), overseers, teachers, and examples in the most holy faith. To assist the Elders in their ministry, the Scripture provides for Deacons, called to serve; with their own particular qualifications. (Eph. 4:12; 1 Tim. 3:1-13; Titus 1:7-9; 1 Pet. 5:1-4)

Ordinances of the Church

We believe:

The Lord Jesus Christ Himself commands that His Church must continue to observe and practice two ordinances: Water Baptism and The Lord's Supper (Communion). Those who repent of their sins and put their full faith and hope in the Lord Jesus Christ are to be baptized. Water Baptism is the outward and visible sign of the inward and spiritual grace. It is observed in accordance with the teaching of the Scriptures and not as a means of salvation in and of itself. Likewise, the Lord's Supper is to be observed as a remembrance of the redemptive work of our Lord Jesus Christ through His life, death and resurrection. (Matt. 28:19; Luke 22:14-20; Rom. 6: 1-4; Acts 8:26-40)

The Return of The Lord Jesus Christ

We believe...

In the physical, imminent, pre-millennial return of the Lord Jesus Christ in the fullness of His Glory. He shall come with all Righteousness, Authority, Majesty and Power. He shall come as the rewarder of all His saints and as Judge of the living and the dead. His coming is the Blessed Hope of every true believer and will take place in the fullness of time at the command of the Father in heaven. (Matt. 16:27; Matt. 24:36; 2 Tim. 4:1; Titus 2:13; Rev. 20:1-6)

Satan

We believe...

Satan is a created, fallen, angelic being also called Lucifer and the Devil. He is the author of sin, the tempter of mankind and the father of lies. He is the prince of the power of the air and the declared enemy of God and man. His destruction has been decreed; his fate is eternal damnation in the Lake of Fire. (Job 1:6-7; Isa. 14:12-15; Matt. 4:1-11, Rev. 20:10)

Creation

We believe...

The Genesis account of Creation is to be accepted literally and completely; that God created all that is from nothing; creating man in His own image and likeness. Mankind did not evolve from lower life forms but came into existence expressly by the Word of God our heavenly Father. (Gen. 1& 2; Ps. 33:6; Isa. 45:12; Heb. 1:10)

Marriage

We believe...

Marriage is ordained by the Father and therefore is holy. It is commanded to be an exclusive, lifelong, faithful relationship between one man and one woman. Heterosexual Marriage is the only legitimate and acceptable expression of human sexual relationship. Sacred marriage between husband and wife parallels the relationship between Christ and His Church. (Matt.19:4-5; Eph. 5:23-32; Heb. 13:4)