

# Statement of Faith

1. We believe the Bible to be God's written communication to us. In its original writings, it was given without error and has been remarkably preserved and translated for today so that it remains the inspired, only infallible, authoritative, inerrant Word of God. (2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:21)
2. We believe that there is one God, eternally existent in three persons - the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. (Deuteronomy 6:4, Matthew 28:19; Luke 3:21-22, John 10:30, Acts 5:3-4)
3. We believe in the essential Deity of our Lord Jesus Christ. (Colossians 2:9), His virgin birth (Isaiah 7:14; Matthew 1:23, Luke 1:35), His sinless life (Hebrews 4:15; 7:26), His miracles (John 2:11), His vicarious and atoning death (I Corinthians 15:3, Ephesians 1:7, Hebrews 2:9), His resurrection (John 11:25; I Corinthians 15:4), His ascension to the right hand of God (Mark 16:19), and His personal return in power and glory (Luke 22:69, Acts 1:9-11, 2:33, Hebrews 10:12, Revelation 19:11).
4. We believe that Jesus was bodily raised from the dead on the third day as the scriptures declare. (Luke 24:6) Later, He ascended to heaven where He is head of the Church and intercedes for believers. From there, He will return to earth personally, bodily and visibly. He will receive His Church unto Himself and then set up and rule for a thousand years the righteous kingdom of David. Afterward, we look forward to spending the rest of eternity with Him. We believe that those who refuse the offer of God's gracious gift of salvation are doomed to suffer eternal conscious separation from Him. (John 5:28-29; Romans 8:13-14) We believe that Satan is a personality, the archenemy of God. (Ephesians 6:11; John 8:44)
5. We believe that the Holy Spirit is a Divine personality - the Third Person of the Trinity who is now here present in the true church. We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit, whose dwelling enables the Christian to live a godly life. (Romans 8:13-14; I Corinthians 3:16; 6: 19-20; Ephesians 4:30; 5:18) We believe that the Church is composed of all who are united by the Holy Spirit to the risen and ascended Son of God and that by the same Spirit we are all baptized into one body. (Romans 8:9; I Corinthians 12:12-13; Galatians 3:26-28)
6. We believe that man, originally created in the image and after the likeness of God, fell from his high and holy estate through disobedience and totally lost all spiritual life. We are, therefore, all sinners before God. We believe in the absolute necessity of regeneration through the Holy Spirit for salvation because of the exceeding sinfulness of the human nature and that men are justified on the single ground of faith and that only by God's grace and through faith alone are we saved. (Genesis 1:17, John 3:16-19; 5:24; Romans 3:23; 5:8,9; Ephesians 2:8-10; Titus 3:5)
7. We believe that salvation from the judgment of God, which exists upon all sinners, was made possible through the shed blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, as He died on the cross in our place. There in that day, all the demands of God's justice were fulfilled for every person who would ever live. We believe that all sinners who genuinely confess their sinfulness and ask to be forgiven shall experience the gracious gift of God's forgiveness and receive eternal salvation. (Romans 10:9-10; John 3:16)
8. We believe that God originally foreordained and created each person as either male or female with the individual's corresponding biological genetic sex and chromosomes. These two distinct yet complementary genders together reflect the image and likeness of God. Refusal to accept one's biological sex is a rejection of the will of God in God's creation of that person and of God's created order for this world. (Genesis 1.26-27, 2. 22-24; Deuteronomy 22.5; Ephesians 5.22-33; Romans 3.23; Romans 1.24-27; 1 Corinthians 6.19-20; 1 Corinthians 11.8-12; Romans 12.2; Matthew 19.4)
9. We believe that the term marriage has only one meaning: the uniting of one man and one woman in a single, exclusive union, as delineated in Scripture. (Genesis 2:18-25) We believe that God intends sexual intimacy to occur only between a man and a woman who are married to each other. (I Corinthians 6:18; 7:2-5; Hebrews 13:4) We believe that God's command is that there be no sexual intimacy outside of or apart from marriage between a man and a woman.