



Statement of Faith

Glorify God | Exalt Christ | Magnify the Gospel

Scripture

We believe the Bible, comprised of the 66 books of the Old and New Testaments is the complete Word of God. We believe the original manuscripts of the Bible were written under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit (2 Pet 1:21). We believe the Bible, and only the Bible is the inspired, inerrant Word of God (2 Ti 3:16-17; Jn 10:35), is preserved by God (Ps 119:152, 160), and as such is completely authoritative for faith and practice in all cultures and in all times (Ps 119:89; Is 40:8).

Trinity

We believe God exists as a triunity, God the Father (Jn 6:27), God the Son (Jn 1:1), and God the Holy Spirit (Ac 5:3-4); three coequal and coeternal persons. We believe His essence is indivisible, and one of unity (Deut 6:4).

God the Father

We believe in God the Father who is a personal spirit (Jn 4:24), and is infinite in holiness (Isa 6:3), righteousness (Ps 11:7), justice (Deut 32:4), love (John 3:16), and sovereignty (Ps 135:6). We believe God is transcendent yet immanent (Jer 23:23-24), self-existing (Jn 5:26), eternal (Ps 90:2), omnipotent (Ex 6:3), omniscient (Ps 139:16), omnipresent (Ps 139:7-11), and that He is the creator (Gen 1:1) and sustainer (Heb 1:3) of all things. We believe He is worthy of all our adoration, praise, love, and worship (Rev 4:11).

God the Son (Jesus Christ)

We believe Jesus Christ is truly God (Ps 45:6-7; Jn 1:1) and truly human (Phil 2:6-8). We believe He was born of a virgin (Isa 7:14; Matt 1:18) to provide salvation to mankind by living in complete obedience to God and dying on the cross in our place (Matt 1:21; Col 2:14). We believe Jesus Christ is the only mediator between God and man (1 Ti 2:5) and as such each believer has equal access to God (1 Pe 2:5). We believe His resurrection guarantees His authority to forgive sins (1 Cor 15:17) and His deity makes Him worthy to receive all our adoration, praise, love, and worship (Rev 5:12).

God the Holy Spirit

We believe the Holy Spirit is fully God (2 Sam 23:2-3; Ac 5:3-4), convicting the world of sin, righteousness, and of judgment (Jn 16:8). We believe He regenerates (Jn 3:5), indwells believers (Ro 8:8-9), illuminates Scripture (Jn 16:12-15), intercedes for the believer in prayer (Ro 8:26-27), seals the believer (Eph 1:13), and is the believer's Helper (Jn 14:16). We believe the Holy Spirit enables the believer to live a Christ-like life as the believer submits to, and is controlled by the Spirit (Gal 5:16).

Mankind

We believe God created mankind righteous in His image (Gen 1:27, 31) apart from any evolutionary processes (Heb 11:3) to worship and enjoy Him forever (Rev 4:11). We believe Adam's disobedience brought sin and death to all mankind (Ro 5:12), thus all people are born totally depraved (Isa 1:5-6), sinners by nature (Ps 51:5) and by choice (Ps 14:1-3; Jn 3:19; Ro 3:23), under just condemnation, deserving eternal punishment in the Lake of Fire (Ro 6:23).

The Gospel

We believe salvation is a free gift by grace through faith, apart from works (Pr 20:9; Eph 2:8-9) and is given when an individual repents from sin and trusts in Christ (Jn 3:16; 2 Cor 7:10; 2 Ti 2:25). We believe in the substitutionary atonement of Christ, where He paid for sin on the cross and imputes His righteousness to the believer (Isa 53:4; Phil 3:9). We believe that at salvation, God imparts new life to the sinner through regeneration (Col 2:13), making the sinner born again (Jn 3:3-8) and a new creation (2 Cor 5:17). We believe that at salvation, Jesus Christ set us free from bondage to sin by redeeming us (Jn 8:36; Ro 6:18). We believe justification takes place at salvation when God declares the sinner to be free from the penalty of sin (Ro 3:22-28). We believe that adoption takes place at salvation when God makes the sinner a part of His family (Jn 1:12). We believe that sanctification is a process whereby the believer is set apart to grow in Christ-likeness, is begun at salvation and continues until glorification (2 Cor 3:18). We believe that since salvation is of God's grace and not our individual merit, all who are saved are eternally secure (Jn 10:28-29), and will persevere in their faith and sanctification (1 Jn 2:19).

Church

We believe the church, or the body of Christ, is composed of all believers saved between Pentecost and the rapture (Acts 2:41), and is commanded to observe the symbolic ordinances of baptism (Matt 28:19) and communion (Acts 2:42). We believe baptism is a symbol of the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ (Ro 6:3-4) and is to be performed following salvation (Ac 2:41). We believe the local church is a community of baptized believers confined to a particular geographic assembly. We believe in the autonomy of the local church, meaning that with Jesus as its head (Eph 5:23), the church is free from any religious or governmental hierarchy.

End Times

We believe in the imminent rapture of the church by Jesus Christ (1 Thess 4:13-18), the literal and physical return of Jesus Christ (Ti 2:13), His thousand-year reign on the earth (Rev 20:4), the eternal punishment of unbelievers in the Lake of Fire (Rev 20:14-15), and the eternal joy of believers worshiping God in the new earth (Rev 21:1-4; 22:3).