

Statement of Faith

Holy Bible

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

Trinity

There is one God, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. These three are co-equal and co-eternal.
(Genesis 1:1-2, John 1:1-3, 14; Genesis 1:26; Matthew 3:16-17, 28:19; Luke 1:35; Isaiah 9:6; Hebrews 3:7-11)

God the Father

God the Father is the first person of the Trinity. He is the Creator and Sustainer of all things and desires a relationship with humanity through His Son.
(Isaiah 64:8; Matthew 6:9; John 14:6-7; 1 Corinthians 8:6)

Jesus Christ

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 born of a virgin, lived a sinless life, performed miracles, died on the cross for mankind, and thus atoned for our sins through the shedding of His blood. He rose from the dead on the third day according to the Scriptures, ascended to the right hand of the Father, and will return again in power and glory.
(John 1:1, 14, 20:28; 1 Timothy 3:16; Isaiah 9:6; Philippians 2:5-6; 1 Timothy 2:5)

Servant Savior

We believe according to Matthew 20:28 that Jesus came not to be ministered unto but to minister and lay His life down. He said the princes of the gentiles exercise dominion over them and those who are great exercise authority over them. But it shall not be so among you,

whoever wants to be great among you, let him be your servant. Then, on the night He was betrayed, Jesus, Master and Lord, washed His disciples' feet, giving them an example that they should do likewise. The servant is not greater than his master.

(John 1:1-17; Matthew 18:4, 20:20-28; Acts 13:36)

Virgin Birth

Jesus Christ was conceived by God the Father, through the Holy Spirit, in the virgin Mary's womb; therefore, He is the Son of God.

(Isaiah 7:14; Matthew 1:18, 23-25; Luke 1:27-35)

Jesus' Blood

The Blood that Jesus Christ shed on the Cross of Calvary was sinless and is 100% sufficient to cleanse mankind of all sin. 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.

(1 John 1:7; Revelation 1:5, 5:9; Colossians 1:20; Romans 3:10-12, 23, 5:9; John 1:29)

Man

Man was created good and upright, but by voluntary transgression, he fell. His only hope of redemption is in Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

(Genesis 1:26-31, 3:1-7; Romans 5:12-21)

Salvation

We are saved by grace through faith in Jesus Christ—His death, burial, and resurrection.

Salvation is a gift from God, not a result of our good works or any human efforts.

(Ephesians 2:8-9; Galatians 2:16, 3:8; Titus 3:5; Romans 10:9-10; Acts 16:31; Hebrews 9:22)

Repentance

Repentance is the commitment to turn away from sin in every area of our lives and to follow Christ, 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; 1 John 1:9*)

Regeneration

For anyone to know God, regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential.
(*John 6:44, 65*)

Jesus Christ Indwells 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 lives as well as Savior.
(*John 1:12; John 14:17, 23; John 15:4; Romans 8:11; Revelation 3:20*)

Sanctification

Sanctification is the ongoing process of yielding to God's Word and His Spirit 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.
(*1 Thessalonians 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*)

The Church

The Church is the Body of Christ. Every person who is born of the Spirit is an integral part of the Church as a member of the body of believers.
(*Ephesians 1:22, 2:19-22; Hebrews 12:23; John 17:11, 20-23*)

Baptism in the Holy Spirit

Given on the day of Pentecost, the baptism in the Holy Spirit empowers the Church to preach the Gospel throughout the whole earth.
(*Joel 2:28-29; Matthew 3:11; Acts 1:5, 2:1-4, 8:14-17, 10:44-47*)

Sacraments

Water Baptism: The first act of obedience following faith in Jesus Christ is to be baptized in water in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
(*Matthew 28:19; Acts 2:38*)

The Lord's Supper: A unique time of communion in the presence of God to remember Jesus' sacrifice on the Cross.
(*Matthew 26:26-29; 1 Corinthians 10:16, 11:23-32*)

Resurrection

Jesus Christ was physically resurrected from the dead in a glorified body three days after His death on the cross. Both the saved and the lost will be resurrected: the saved to eternal life and the lost to eternal damnation.
(*Luke 24:36, 39; John 20:26-28; 1 Corinthians 15:42, 44; Philippians 3:21*)

Heaven

Heaven is the eternal dwelling place for all believers in the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
(*Matthew 5:3, 12; John 17:24; 2 Corinthians 5:1; 1 Peter 1:4*)

Hell

Unbelievers will be judged by God and sent to Hell, where they will be eternally tormented.
(*Matthew 25:41; Mark 9:43-48; Revelation 20:12-15*)