



Statement of Faith

1. GOD

There is one God, who exists eternally in three distinct but equal persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. God is unchangeable in his holiness, justice, wisdom and love. He is the almighty Creator, Savior and Judge who sustains and governs all things according to his sovereign will for his own glory.

Psalms 83:18; Romans 1:20; Revelation 4:11; Mark 12:30; Luke 24:39; John 4:24; Exodus 15:11; Deuteronomy 6:4

2. THE BIBLE

God has revealed himself in the Bible, which consists of the Old and New Testaments alone. Every word was inspired by God through human authors, so that the Bible as originally given is in its entirety the Word of God, without error and fully reliable in fact and doctrine. The Bible alone speaks with final authority and is always sufficient for all matters of belief and practice.

2 Timothy 3:16-17; 2 Peter 1:21; Proverbs 30:5-6; Romans 2:12; 1 John 4:1.

3. THE HUMAN RACE

All men and women have inherent and equal dignity and worth. Their greatest purpose is to obey, worship and love God. As a result of the fall of our first parents, every aspect of human nature has been corrupted by sin and all men and women are without spiritual life, guilty sinners and hostile to God. Every person is therefore under the just condemnation of God and needs to be born again, forgiven and reconciled to God in order to know and please him.

Romans 3:23; Genesis 1:27; Genesis 3:6-24; Romans 5:12-13. John 6:44; Romans 1:20; Romans 3:19; James 2:10

Furthermore, we believe that life begins at conception and that God fearfully and wonderfully creates each person as either male or female in conformity with their biological sex. Thus a person's gender is part of the goodness of God's creation and cannot be changed. These two distinct yet complementary genders together reflect the image and nature of God.

Genesis 1:27; Psalm 139:14-16

4. THE LORD JESUS CHRIST

The Lord Jesus Christ is fully God and fully man. He was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of a virgin, and lived a sinless life in obedience to the Father. He taught with authority and all his words are true. On the cross he died in the place of sinners, bearing God's punishment for their sin, redeeming them by his blood. He rose from the dead and in his resurrection body ascended into heaven where he is exalted as Lord of all. He intercedes for his people in the presence of the Father.

John 1:14; Hebrews 4:15; 1 Corinthians 15:3-5. Ephesians 2:5; John 3:16; Philippians 2:6-7; 2 Corinthians 5:21; Isaiah 53:4-5; Galatians 4:4-7; Romans 8:34

5. SALVATION

Salvation is entirely a work of God's grace and cannot be earned or deserved. It has been accomplished by the Lord Jesus Christ and is offered to all freely in the gospel. God in his love regenerates and forgives sinners whom he calls, not on account of any unforeseen merit in them, granting them repentance and faith. All who believe in Christ are justified by faith alone, adopted into the family of God and receive eternal life.

Ephesians 1:4-6; Ephesians 2:8-9; Romans 10:9-10

6. THE HOLY SPIRIT

The Holy Spirit has been sent from heaven to glorify Christ and to apply his work of salvation. He convicts sinners, imparts spiritual life and gives a true understanding of the Scriptures. He indwells all believers, seals them until the day of redemption, brings assurance of salvation and produces increasing likeness to Christ. He builds up the Church and empowers its members for worship, service and mission.

John 14:25-27; 1 Corinthians 2:10-13; Titus 3:4-7; Ephesians 1:13-14

7. THE CHURCH

The universal Church is the body of which Christ is the head and to which all who are saved belong. It is made visible in local churches, which are congregations of baptized believers who are committed to each other in faith and fellowship under the leadership of pastors for the worship of God, the preaching of God's word, the administering of Baptism and the Lord's supper, the faithful exercise of care and discipline over its members, and for evangelism. All Christians are to associate themselves into local churches, according to the commands of Christ. The mission of the church is to be a corporate display of God's glory to the world.

Matthew 16:18; Matthew 18:15-20; 1 Peter 2:9; Colossians 1:18

8. THE FUTURE

The Lord Jesus Christ will return in glory. He will raise the dead and judge the world in righteousness. The wicked will be sent to eternal punishment and those that are made righteous through Christ will be welcomed into a life of eternal joy in fellowship with God. God will make all things new and will be glorified forever.

Revelation 21:5; 1 Corinthians 15:51-57

9. MARRIAGE

We believe that the term marriage has only one meaning: the uniting of one man and one woman in a single, exclusive union, as established in Scripture. We believe that God intends sexual intimacy to occur only between a man and a woman who are married to each other.

Genesis 2:24; Colossians 3:18-19

10. THE BIBLE AND SCIENCE

Creation as well as Scripture has been brought forth by the same God of truth. Therefore, any seeming contradiction between the Bible and Science can only be due to human error either in science or in the interpretation of Scripture. Science is truly scientific when both nature and Scripture are taken seriously.

Romans 1:19-23