



## Statement of Faith

We believe that the Bible is God's Word, that the Spirit so guided the writers in recording the message that it is an accurate and infallible revelation of God and His Holy will; and thus it is the perfect rule in all matters of faith and conduct. (II Timothy 3:16; II Peter 1:21; Matthew 5:17, 18).

We believe in one God, eternally existing in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (I John 5:7; Matthew 28:19).

We believe in God, the Father, perfect in holiness, infinite in wisdom, measureless in power; that He concerns Himself mercifully in the activities of humans; that He hears and answers prayer, and that He, through Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit, saves people from sin and death (Genesis 1, Psalms 103:8, Psalms 65:2).

We believe in Jesus Christ, God's only begotten Son, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of a virgin (Luke 1:34, 35) sinless in His life (II Corinthians 5:21) making atonement for the sin of the world by His substitutionary death on the cross; His burial; His bodily resurrection; His ascension into heaven; His perpetual intercession for the saints (I John 2:2, 1); and His personal visible return to the earth according to His promise (Colossians 3:1).

We believe in the person of the Holy Spirit sent by the Lord Jesus Christ (John 15:26) to reprove the world of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment; and to regenerate all who recognize personal guilt and to sanctify and comfort those who believe in Him (John 3:16; II Thessalonians 2:13).

We believe that all people are sinners (Romans 3:23) but that "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting" (John 3:16). We believe, therefore, that those who accept Christ as Savior and Lord will rejoice forever in God's presence and those who refuse to accept Christ as Savior and Lord will be forever separated from God (Romans 6:23; Revelation 20:15).

We believe in the invisible Church - an assembly of believers in Jesus Christ, baptized on a credible confession of faith, and associated for worship, fellowship, and service (Acts 10:44-48).

We believe that every human being has direct access to God and is responsible to God alone in all matters of faith (Matthew 27:51); and that each church is independent and autonomous and must be free from interference by any ecclesiastical authority; and further believe that Church and State should be kept separate as having different functions, each fulfilling its duties free from the dictation or patronage of the other (Matthew 22:21).

We believe that the ordinances of the New Testament are: baptism by immersion of the believer in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit; and the Lord's Supper to commemorate the vicarious death of Christ, to be preceded by solemn self-examination on the part of each person to make sure he is in right fellowship with God and his fellow humans (Matthew 26:19, 20; I Corinthians 11:23-29).

We believe that Christian marriage is a God-ordained relationship between a man and a woman (Genesis 2:24; Matthew 19:4-5).