



STATEMENT OF FAITH

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Doctrinal Preface

As Bible-believing Christians, we recognize and declare that the sole authority for faith and practice is the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament. We affirm our liberty in Christ and our accountability to each other under the Word of God. We honor the principles of soul competency and the priesthood of the believers to understand Scripture as led by God through the Holy Spirit. The statement of faith does not exhaust the extent of our faith. The Bible itself is the sole and final source of all that we believe.

Scripture

We believe the Holy Scriptures are made up of sixty-six books (39 Old Testament Books and 27 New Testament Books). We believe that God moved and inspired holy men to pen the words of Scripture (2 Pet. 1:21). We believe that every word in the Bible is inspired (2 Tim. 3:16-17) and without error in the original manuscripts. We believe that God has preserved His Word through His people (Psa. 12:6-7). The Bible is our final authority in all areas of faith and practice. We believe the Word of God has been preserved through the Hebrew Masoretic text and the Greek "Textus Receptus."

The True God

We believe that there is one, and only one true, and living God (Isa. 45:5). We believe that Scripture reveals to us the triune nature of God (One God in Three Persons: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit) with distinct personal workings, but without division of nature, power, glory, essence, or being (Matt. 28:19, Deut. 6:4). We believe that He alone is worthy of our love, worship, devotion, praise, and obedience. We believe that God is the Creator (That He spoke the world into existence "ex nihilo" in 6 literal days) of and the Sustainer of the universe (Gen. 1).

Jesus Christ

We believe that Jesus Christ is the eternal Son of God (John 1). In His incarnation as Jesus Christ He was conceived of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary (Luke 1:35). He lived a sinless life (Heb. 4:15). He was crucified for our sins (Luke 23:33-46). He rose from the grave (Luke 24:1-12) with a glorified body, ascended into Heaven (Luke 24:50-51), and sits at the right hand of God as our Savior and Mediator (Rom. 8:34-35). We believe He is coming again for His church in the Rapture (1 These. 4:13-18) and to set up an earthly kingdom in His Second Coming (Rev. 20).

The Holy Spirit

We believe that the Holy Spirit is God and is actively working today, convicting the world of sin (John 16:7-15), sealing believers (Eph. 4:30); indwelling them at the time of salvation (Rom. 8:9), giving believers gifts to use in service of the body of Christ (Rom. 12:6-8; 1 Cor. 12), and guiding believers in Divine truth (John 16:13). We believe the completed Word of God marked the end of some apostolic gifts, but that God still performs miracles today at His sovereign will.

Mankind

We believe that man is a special creation of God made in His image (Body, Soul, and Spirit) (Gen. 1:26-27) and that all life starts at conception and has value (Jer. 1:5). We believe the first people, Adam and Eve, fell into sin through disobedience to God's will, and that all people are sinners by nature as well as by choice (Rom. 5:12,18). We believe that the result of our sin is separation from God. Apart from the saving grace of God, we are eternally lost and destined for hell (Eph. 2:1-3, 12). We believe that even after salvation mankind still battles the flesh (Eph. 4:22-24). We believe that every believer will spend eternity in God's presence (heaven) (2 Cor. 5:9, John 14:3) and those who reject Christ will be separated from God in torment (hell) (Luke 16:19-26).

Salvation

We believe every person must be born again/saved. We believe in salvation by grace through faith, that salvation is a free gift of God (Rom. 6:23) not by any virtue or works of man (Eph. 2:8-9) but received only by personal faith in the Lord Jesus Christ (Who shed His own blood on Calvary for the forgiveness of sins)(Rom. 5:8); that all true believers possess the gift of eternal life, a perfect righteousness, sonship in the family of God and the divine guarantee that they shall never perish (John 5:24). We believe in the priesthood of all believers (1 Pet. 2:5,9), that Christ is our Great High Priest (Heb. 4:14-16) and through Him believers have direct access to God without need of human mediators (Heb. 4:16).

The Local Church

We believe the local church is a body of believers in Jesus Christ (Acts 2:47), whose purpose it is to exalt God in worship; to edify the saints through biblical instruction, prayer and fellowship (Acts 2, Eph. 4:11-16); to evangelize the lost by testifying to the grace of Christ (1 Tim. 3:15); and to extend the reach of the church through missions (Matt. 28:18-20). We believe in the spiritual unity of all believers in our Lord Jesus Christ (Eph. 4:4-6). We believe the local church holds a distinction from the children of Israel and has not "replaced" them in God's earthly plan and timeline (Rom. 11:25-29). We believe that the church is God's tool for His working in the world today (1 Tim. 3:14-15). We believe that the Bible gives instruction for two offices in the Local church: Pastor/Bishop/Elder (1 Tim. 3:1-7) and Deacon (1 Tim. 3:8-13).

We believe that God has commanded two ordinances (External acts of remembrance or symbolic acts reflecting what God has already done through salvation) in the church: Baptism (Matt. 28:19) and The Lord's Supper (Luke 22:19-20). We believe the local church is autonomous (free of any external authority or control other than God) (Col. 1:18-20).

Angelic Beings



We believe that angels are created beings that are not due our worship. We believe they were created to serve (Heb. 1:13-14) and worship God (Heb. 1:6-7) and that God gives them a guardian role in protecting the saints upon the earth (Psalm 91:11; Dan. 6:22). We believe that Satan is a created angel (Lucifer)(Ezekiel 28:12-14) and the author of sin. Satan incurred the wrath of God by rebelling against His Creator, taking many angelic beings with Him in their prideful fall (Isa. 14:12-15), and introducing sin into the human race (Gen. 3). We believe that Satan is the enemy of God but is not equal in power or essence (Matt. 13:39). We believe that he has already been defeated by Christ's redemption work, and that he will one day be eternally punished in the lake of fire (Rev. 20:10). We believe that demons are angels that fell and followed Satan in rebellion and do his bidding (demons) (Rev. 12:7-10).

The Last Events



We believe that the next major event on the church's timeline is the rapture of Christ's church. At the Rapture, believers will be caught up together with believers who have already past and with the Lord Jesus in the air to dwell with God (1 Thes. 4:13-18). We believe that the rapture will mark the beginning of the tribulation period on the earth (Rev. 5-18), where the Holy Spirit will be removed and God's wrath will be poured out on mankind. We believe that at the end of the tribulation period Jesus Christ will return (this time with His saints) and will have victory over Satan and his army of demons and followers at the battle of Armageddon. At this time Christ will set up an earthly kingdom for one thousand years (Rev. 19:11-16, 20:1-6). Following this, we believe that those who reject Christ will stand before God at the Great White Throne Judgment and will be cast into the lake of fire (Rev. 20:11-15). Believers will stand before God at the BEMA Seat of Christ where their deeds will be tried as either fruitful or empty (2 Corinthians 5:10).

