

Statement of Faith

God

God is the Creator and Sovereign Ruler of the universe. He exists eternally in three persons: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. These three are one God.

Jesus Christ

Jesus Christ is the Son of God. Jesus was born of a virgin, lived a sinless human life and offered Himself as the perfect sacrifice for the sins of all people by dying on a cross. He arose from the dead after three days to demonstrate His power over sin and death. He ascended to Heaven's glory; He intercedes on behalf of true believers and will return some day to earth to reign as King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

The Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit is one of the Trinity. He is active in the world to make people aware of their need for Jesus Christ. He lives in every Christian from the moment of salvation. He provides the obedient Christian with the power to understand spiritual truth and gives guidance in doing what is right. He gives every believer spiritual gift(s). As Christians we seek to live under His guidance and direction daily.

The Bible

The Bible is God's Word. It was written by human authors, under the direction of the Holy Spirit. It is the supreme source of truth for Christian belief and living. Because it is inspired by God, notwithstanding cultural misapplications and potential misinterpretations, it is the truth without error.

Salvation

Adam's fall into sin left humanity with an inherent sin nature and without the hope of communion with God apart from spiritual re-birth. Salvation is God's free gift to us which we accept through acknowledgement of our sin, true repentance and acknowledgement of Christ as our Saviour. We can never atone for our sin by self-improvement or good works.

Eternal Security

The result of salvation is eternal life and fellowship with God, which begins the moment a person receives Jesus Christ into their life by faith. According to the Scriptures outlined below, if you have been genuinely saved, you cannot lose your salvation.

Eternity

People were created to exist forever. We will exist either eternally separated from God by sin, or eternally with God in heaven, through forgiveness and salvation. Heaven and Hell exist and are elements of our faith that will be fully revealed and experienced.

The Church

The church is not a building. The church is comprised of all true believers (see Salvation 9.5) who together form the universal church, the body of which Christ is the Head. We believe that all believers are ministers within the church (1 Peter 2:9). We must strive to know Christ more and more and so be drawn to greater unity. Unity does not mean total agreement on all things, but rather the grace to accept a variety of thoughts and opinions consistent with scripture, and to be at peace because of Christ.

Ordinance of Communion

Communion (i.e. the Lord's Supper or the Eucharist Meal) is to be shared by believers in the Lord Jesus Christ in obedience to the Lord's command to "remember me" (Luke 22:19). We believe that the bread and wine are symbols of Christ's body and blood and do not in and of themselves impart grace. Blessing comes from the act of obedience in remembering Him. Communion is to be offered to the entire congregation at least once a month in a worship service. Those who profess Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour and have admitted their sins before God are welcome to participate. There is no minimum age for participation but parents are expected to ensure that any of their children participating in the ordinance have made a profession of Christ and clearly understand its meaning prior to sharing in communion.