

Statement of Faith

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We believe that the Bible is the Word of God; supernaturally inspired, preserved by God and inerrant in the original manuscripts. The bible is the divine authoritative standard for every age and every life.

We believe that the Godhead exists eternally in three persons – Father, Son and Holy Spirit – and that these three are one God. And also that God is the absolute and sole designer and creator of the universe and that creation was by divine decree, not through evolutionary process.

We believe that God the Father is the head of the Godhead. The Father is the spirit, an eternal being with no end or beginning, who has chosen to reveal himself to His creation through His Son and the Holy Scriptures.

We believe that Jesus Christ is true God and true man, having been conceived of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

We believe that the Holy Spirit is the third person of the Godhead, and possesses all the divine attributes. The Holy Spirit opens the unbelieving heart, thereby enabling the unbeliever to repent, believe and receive the gospel. He indwells all believers, baptizes and seals them at the moment of their salvation, and fills them in response to confession of sin and yieldedness to Him.

We believe that God, by His sovereign choice and out of love for man, sent his Son, Jesus Christ into the world to save sinners.

We believe that Jesus Christ in the flesh was and is both God and man. He was born of a virgin and lived a sinless life. His life revealed who he was through His mighty works, wonders and signs exactly as revealed in the four gospels. He was crucified, died as a penalty for our sins and was raised from the dead bodily on the third day. He ascended to the Father's right hand where He is the head of the church and

intercedes for believers. He is coming again personally, bodily and visibly to this earth to set up His kingdom.

We believe that the shed blood of the Lord Jesus Christ made a perfect atonement for sin, redeeming us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us.

We believe that such salvation with its forgiveness of sins, its impartation of a new nature, and its hope of eternal life is entirely apart from man's effort, good works, baptism, and church membership and is of pure grace.

We believe that a true believer is eternally secure. He cannot lose his salvation, but sin may interrupt the joy of his fellowship with God and bring the loving discipline of his Heavenly Father.

We believe that all who receive Christ become joint-heirs with Christ, and at death, their spirits immediately depart to be with Christ. At Christ's second coming their bodies will be raised to the likeness of His glorified body and dwell forever in His presence.

We believe that it is the goal of every Christian to grow in spiritual maturity through delightful obedience to the Word of God by the enabling indwelling Spirit.