

STATEMENT OF FAITH

THE BIBLE: THE HOLY BIBLE IS THE AUTHORITATIVE INSPIRED WORD OF GOD. IN ITS ORIGINAL WRITING, IT IS INSPIRED, INFALLIBLE, AND INERRANT.

GOD: GOD IS THE CREATOR AND RULER OF THE UNIVERSE. HE HAS ETERNALLY EXISTED IN THREE PERSONALITIES: THE FATHER, THE SON, AND THE HOLY SPIRIT. THESE THREE ARE CO-EQUAL AND ARE CO-ETERNAL.

JESUS CHRIST: JESUS IS FULLY GOD AND FULLY MAN. HE CAME TO EARTH, WAS CONCEIVED IN THE VIRGIN MARY AND LIVED A SINLESS LIFE. HE DIED AND ROSE AGAIN TO RECONCILE ALL PEOPLE TO GOD, AND TO FREE THEM FROM THE POWER OF SIN AND THE DEVIL. HE WILL RETURN SOMEDAY IN GLORY.

THE HOLY SPIRIT: THE HOLY SPIRIT IS CO-EQUAL WITH THE FATHER AND THE SON OF GOD. HE IS PRESENT IN THE WORLD TO MAKE MEN AWARE OF THEIR NEED FOR JESUS CHRIST. HE PROVIDES THE CHRISTIAN WITH POWER FOR LIVING, UNDERSTANDING OF SPIRITUAL TRUTH, AND GUIDANCE IN DOING WHAT IS RIGHT. HE GIVES EVERY BELIEVER A SPIRITUAL GIFT WHEN THEY ARE SAVED.

HUMAN BEINGS: PEOPLE ARE MADE IN THE SPIRITUAL IMAGE OF GOD, TO BE LIKE HIM IN CHARACTER. ALTHOUGH EVERY PERSON HAS TREMENDOUS POTENTIAL FOR GOOD, ALL OF US ARE MARRED BY AN ATTITUDE OF DISOBEDIENCE TOWARD GOD CALLED "SIN." THIS ATTITUDE SEPARATES PEOPLE FROM GOD AND CAUSES MANY PROBLEMS IN LIFE.

SALVATION: SALVATION IS GOD'S FREE GIFT TO US BUT WE MUST ACCEPT IT. WE CAN NEVER MAKE UP FOR OUR SIN BY SELF-IMPROVEMENT OR GOOD WORKS. ONLY BY TRUSTING IN JESUS CHRIST AS GOD'S OFFER OF FORGIVENESS CAN ANYONE BE SAVED FROM SIN'S PENALTY.

REPENTANCE: REPENTANCE IS THE COMMITMENT TO TURN AWAY FROM SIN IN EVERY AREA OF OUR LIVES AND TO FOLLOW CHRIST.

THE CHURCH: THE CHURCH IS THE BODY OF CHRIST. EVERY PERSON WHO IS BORN OF THE SPIRIT IS AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE CHURCH AS A MEMBER OF THE BODY OF BELIEVERS. THERE IS A SPIRITUAL UNITY OF ALL BELIEVERS IN OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST.

WATER BAPTISM: FOLLOWING A PERSON'S DECLARATION OF FAITH IN THE LORD JESUS CHRIST, THE BIBLE COMMANDS THEM TO BE BAPTIZED IN WATER.

COMMUNION: WHEN, IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD, THE ELEMENTS OF BREAD AND WINE OR JUICE (THE BODY AND BLOOD OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST) ARE TAKEN IN REMEMBRANCE OF JESUS' SACRIFICE ON THE CROSS.

SECOND COMING OF CHRIST: JESUS CHRIST WILL PHYSICALLY AND VISIBLY RETURN TO EARTH FOR THE SECOND TIME TO ESTABLISH HIS KINGDOM. THIS WILL OCCUR AT A DATE UNDISCLOSED BY THE SCRIPTURES.

