

Statement of Faith

The Scriptures Inspired

The Scriptures, both the Old and New Testaments, are verbally inspired of GOD and are the revelation of GOD to man, the infallible, authoritative rule of faith and conduct. (2 Tim. 3:15-17; 1 Thes. 2:13; 2 Peter 1:21)

The One True GOD

The one true GOD has revealed Himself as the eternally self-existent "I AM", the Creator of heaven and earth and the Redeemer of mankind. He has further revealed Himself as embodying the principles of relationship and association as Father, Son and Holy Spirit. (Deut. 6:4; Isa. 43:10-11; Matt. 28:19-20; Luke 3:22)

The Deity of The LORD JESUS CHRIST

The LORD JESUS CHRIST is the eternal Son of GOD. The Scriptures declare:

- a. His virgin birth (Matt. 1:23; Luke 1:31, 35)
- b. His sinless life (Heb. 7:24-28; 1 Peter 2:22)
- c. His miracles (Acts 2:22; Acts 10:38)
- d. His substitutionary work on the cross (1 Cor. 15:34; 2 Cor. 5:21)
- e. His bodily resurrection from the dead (Matt. 28:6; Luke 24:39; 1 Cor. 15:4)
- f. His exaltation to the right hand of GOD (Acts 1:9; Acts 2:31-33; Phil. 2:9-11; Heb. 1:3)

The Fall of Man

Man was created good and upright; for GOD said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness." However, man by voluntary transgression fell and thereby incurred not only physical death but also spiritual death, which is separation from GOD (Gen. 1:26-27; Gen. 2:17; Gen. 3:6; Rom. 5:12-21)

The Salvation of Man

a. Conditions of Salvation

Salvation is received through repentance towards GOD and faith towards The LORD JESUS CHRIST. By the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit, being justified through faith, man becomes an heir of GOD according to the hope of eternal life. (Luke 24:27; John 3:3; Rom. 10:8-17; Eph. 2:5-13; Titus 2:11; Titus 3:3-7)

b. The Evidences of Salvation

The inward evidence of Salvation is the direct witness of the Spirit (Rom. 8:14-19). The outgoing evidence to all men is a life of righteousness and true holiness. (Eph. 4:24; Col. 3:1-17; Titus 2:11-14)

The Ordinances of the Church

a. Baptism in Water

The ordinance of baptism by immersion is commanded in the Scriptures. All who repent and believe in JESUS CHRIST as Saviour and LORD are to be baptised. Thus they declare to the world that they have died with JESUS CHRIST and that they also have been raised with Him to walk in newness of life. The baptism by immersion in water shall be administered to all those who have repented of their sins and who have believed on The LORD JESUS CHRIST to the saving of their souls. (Matt. 28:19; Mark 16:16; Acts 10:47-48; Rom. 6:3-6; Col. 2:12)

b. The Holy Communion

The LORD'S Supper, consisting of the elements - bread and the fruit of the vine - is the symbol expressing our sharing the divine nature of our LORD JESUS CHRIST (1 Cor. 10:16-17; 2 Peter 1:4); a memorial of His Suffering and death (1 Cor. 11:23-27); and shall be observed regularly by all believers "until the kingdom of God comes" as enjoined with the Scriptures (Luke 22:17-20).

The Baptism in the Holy Spirit

All believers are entitled to and should ardently expect and earnestly seek the promise of the Father, the baptism in the Holy Spirit and fire, according to the command of our LORD JESUS CHRIST. This was the normal experience of all in the early Christian Church. With it comes the enduement of power for life and service, the bestowment of the gifts and their uses in the work of the ministry (Luke 24:49; Acts 1:4-8; 1 Cor. 12:1-31). This experience is distinct from and subsequent to the experience of the new birth (Acts 8:12-17; Acts 10:44-46; Acts 11:14-16; Acts 15:7-9). With the baptism in the Holy Spirit comes such experiences as an overflowing fullness of the Holy Spirit (John 7:3-39; Acts 4:8), a deepened reverence for GOD (Acts 2:43; Acts 5:11; Heb. 12:28), an intensified consecration to GOD and dedication to His Work (Acts 2:42; Acts 5:12-13) and a more active love for JESUS CHRIST, and for His Word and for the lost (Mark 16:20).

The Evidence of the Baptism in the Holy Spirit

The baptism of believers in the Holy Spirit is witnessed by the initial physical sign of speaking with other tongues as the Spirit of GOD gives them utterance (Acts 2:4). The gift of tongues (1 Cor. 12:4-10, 28) which is a manifestation of The Holy Spirit and given as The Holy Spirit wills.

Sanctification

Sanctification is an act of separation from that which is evil, and of dedication unto GOD (Rom. 12:12; 1 Thes. 5:23; Heb. 13:12). The Scriptures teach a life of "holiness without which no man shall see the LORD" (Heb. 12:14). By the power of the Holy Spirit we are able to obey the command "You shall be holy, for I am holy" (1 Peter 1:15-16).

Sanctification is realised in the believer by recognising his identification with JESUS CHRIST in His death and resurrection and by faith reckoning daily upon the fact of that union, and by offering every faculty continually to the dominion of the Holy Spirit. (Rom. 6:1-14; 8:1-14; Gal. 2:20; Phil. 2:12-13; 1 Peter 1:3-9)

The Church

The Church is the Body of JESUS CHRIST, the habitation of GOD through The Holy Spirit with divine appointments for the fulfilment of her grand commission. Each believer, born of the Spirit is an integral part of the General Assembly and Church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven. (Eph. 1:22-23; Eph. 2:19-22; Heb. 12:22-24)

The Ministry

A divinely called and scripturally ordained ministry has been provided by our LORD for a twofold purpose:

- 1. The evangelisation of the world; and
- 2. The edifying of the Body of JESUS CHRIST (Mark 16:15-20; Eph. 4:11-16).

Divine Healing

Divine Healing is an integral part of the gospel. Deliverance from sickness is provided for in the precious sacrifice of our LORD JESUS CHRIST and is the privilege of all believers. (Isa. 53:4-5; Matt. 8:16-17; James 5:14-16; 1 Peter 2:24)

Marriage

We adhere to and agree with the Biblical view of marriage as being between one man and one woman (Gen. 2:24; Matt. 19:4-6; Mark 10:6-9; Eph. 5:30-31).

The Blessed Hope

The second coming of JESUS CHRIST includes the rapture of the saints which is one blessed hope, followed by the visible return of JESUS CHRIST with His saints to reign on the earth for one thousand years (Zech. 14:4-5; Matt. 24:27, 30; Rev. 1:7; Rev. 19:11-14; Rev. 20:16). This millennial reign will bring salvation of the nation of Israel (Ezek. 37:21-28; Zeph. 3:19-20; Rom. 11:26-27) and the establishment of universal peace (Isa. 11:6-9; Psalm 72:3-8; Micah 4:3-4).

The Final Judgement

There will be a final judgement in which the wicked dead will be raised and judged according to their works. Whosoever is not found written in the Book of Life, together with the devil and his angels, the beast and the false prophet, will be consigned to everlasting punishment in the lake which blazes with fire and brimstone, which is the second-death (Mark 9:43-48; Rev. 20:11-15; Rev. 21:8).

The New Heavens and the New Earth

"We, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness" (2 Peter 3:13).