

## Statement of Faith

**THE SCRIPTURES:** We believe that “All Scripture is given by inspiration of God” (II Timothy 3:16-17), and we understand this to mean that the whole Bible is inspired in that holy men of God “were moved by the Holy Spirit” (II Peter 1:21) to write the very words of Scripture. We believe this to mean that, the whole of Scripture as it appeared in the original manuscripts is inerrant.

**THE TRIUNE GODHEAD:** We believe in one God (Mark 12:29) eternally existing (John 1:1-4) in three persons (II Corinthians 13:14, I John 5:7-8), namely Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**VIRGIN BIRTH:** We believe that Jesus Christ was conceived by the Holy Spirit (Luke 1:27-35), born of the Virgin Mary (Isaiah 7:14; Matthew 1:18) and was truly the Son of Man (John 12:34) and the Son of God (Luke 1:35).

**THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST:** (Romans 10:9-10) We believe in the literal resurrection of the crucified body of the Lord Jesus Christ (Romans 4:24-25), that He ascended into heaven (Acts 1:10-11) and is presently in heaven acting on behalf of believers as their High Priest and Advocate (Hebrews 4:14-15).

**MAN CREATED IN THE IMAGE OF GOD:** We believe that man was created by and in the image of God (Genesis 1:26-27, John 1:3) and that man sinned, and in his natural state is lost, alienated from God and incapable of attaining salvation by any personal effort or merit (Romans 3:24-25).

**ATONEMENT FOR SINS:** We believe that Christ died as a sacrifice for our sins and that, because He shed His blood, the salvation of man is a free gift of God by grace, through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and his death for us (Romans 6:23; Ephesians 2:8-9).

**SALVATION:** We believe that salvation is a free gift by God’s grace through faith without works of any kind (Ephesians 2:8-9), that all who accept the Lord Jesus Christ by faith are born again by the Holy Spirit and become the children of God (John 1:12).

**THE HOLY SPIRIT:** We believe that the Christian life is impossible apart from the indwelling presence and enabling of the Holy Spirit. Simultaneous to our salvation we were ‘sealed by the Holy Spirit for the day of redemption’ (Ephesians 4:30), we were ‘baptized by One Spirit into one body’ (I Corinthians 12:13), and we are to live each day in the fullness of the Holy Spirit by yielding all that we are to his control (Ephesians 5:18). The Holy Spirit equips us to live holy lives, producing the ‘fruit of the Spirit’ (Galatians 5: 22-23), and giving Spiritual Gifts to enable us to serve God effectively by bringing blessing to others (I Corinthians 12:4-7). We are warned not to ‘grieve the Holy Spirit’ by sinful activity (Ephesians 4:30) and therefore to confess our sin in order to maintain a wholesome and effective relationship with God (1 John 1:9).

**THE CHRISTIAN WALK:** We believe that the Christian is called with a holy calling to live a life of obedience to God and separation from evil and to faithfully identify with and serve through a local church to fulfill the great commission to go, teach, and baptize and do the Lord’s work until He returns.

**BODILY RETURN OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST:** We believe in the personal bodily return of the Lord Jesus Christ (Acts 1:9-11) to set up His kingdom (Titus 2:13).

**BODILY RESURRECTION OF THE JUST AND THE UNJUST:** We believe in the bodily resurrection of the just and the unjust (John 5:28-29; Daniel 12:2), the everlasting blessing of the believer (the just) (Romans 8:23; I Corinthians 15) and the everlasting conscious punishment of the unbeliever (the unjust)(Psalm 90:3-4); Revelation 20:12-15; Matthew 25:31-46).

**THE GREAT COMMISSION:** We believe that, until the return of Christ, it is the Christian's privilege and duty and the supreme task of The Church to evangelize the world (Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 1:8).