

## Statement of Faith

We believe in **One God**, who is infinitely perfect, existing eternally, consisting of three persons: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. He is the creator of all things (Genesis 1:1; Mark 12:29; Matthew 3:16, 17). He has spoken to us in the Bible. We receive the sixty-six books of the Old and New Testaments as our final authority, the only infallible rule of faith and practice, accepting it as the Word of God (2 Timothy 1:13; 2 Peter 1:20,21).

According to Genesis 1 and 2, God created man and woman (Genesis 1: 26, 27) and established the covenant of marriage (Genesis 2: 21-25). We believe that biblical marriage is between one man and one woman as biologically designed by God at their birth (Ephesians 5: 31, 32). Anything other than the biblical account of marriage is sinful and therefore not ordained by God.

Our sinful rebellion against God had separated us from Him (Romans 3:10), so God became man in order to restore us to intimate friendship with Him through the person of Jesus Christ. We believe that **Jesus Christ** is the Son of God, sent to earth by God the Father. We believe that He was conceived of a virgin, fully man, yet fully God (Luke 1: 30, 31). He lived a sinless life then offered Himself on the cross, died as our substitute so that through the sacrifice of his blood, we might be set free from the just penalty of our sin and made right with God and experience a new spiritual birth (Romans 6: 23; Ephesians 1: 7, 8, 2:8, 9). After his death He was buried, and on the third day rose again (Luke 24: 4-6; Mark 16:5, 6; Matthew 28: 5, 6) and ascended to heaven where he is seated at the right hand of God the Father (Mark 16:19), interceding for us (Isaiah 9:6; John 1: 1, 14, 20:28; Philippians 2: 5, 6; I Timothy 2:5, 3:16). Through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ on the cross, he made the way for us to receive healing for our mind, body, and emotions (Matthew 9: 6, 7, 10:1; Luke 9: 1, 2). Although we may not always see or experience healing, we continue to pray in faith, believing that it is God's desire for his children to be whole (Matthew 25: 31-46).

We believe that the shed blood of Jesus on the cross washes away the sins of all those who come to Him. Salvation has been provided through Jesus Christ for all people; and those who repent, and believe in Him are born again of the Holy Spirit, receive the gift of eternal life and become children of God. We believe that God poured out the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost in power giving birth to His new community, the Church (Acts 2: 42), baptizing believers into the Body of Christ and releasing the gifts of the Spirit to them (Acts 2: 1, 2:38). In the Person of the Holy Spirit, Christ lives within His people, reproducing His holy Character within us, empowering us to be His witnesses to the world (Luke 24: 45-49; Mark 16: 15-18), and equipping us with spiritual gifts to do the works of the Kingdom of God (I Corinthians 12 :4-11). We believe that Christ will return to earth to claim His Bride (Matthew 24: 30-31), the one true and universal church, and take her to Heaven to live and reign with Him throughout eternity (Matthew 25: 31-46).

We believe that Jesus came that we might have life, and have it more abundantly. Therefore, we believe that supernatural healing, peace of mind and the destroying of strongholds are all available today from God through our Lord Jesus Christ. **The Holy Spirit** is a divine person, sent to indwell, guide, teach, counsel, empower the believer, and convict the world of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment.

The **church** consists of all those who believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, are redeemed through the blood of Jesus, who are joined together for the worship of God, for edification, for prayer, fellowship, and the proclamation of the gospel. Christ is the head of the Body, the church, which has been commissioned by Him to go into all the world as a witness, preaching the gospel to all nations.

We believe in the power of **prayer**. We believe that God is alive and that He hears and answers our prayers as they agree with His will.

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