



# WHAT WE BELIEVE

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## Statement of Faith, Biblical Morality, and Christian Ethics:

- We believe the **Holy Bible** to be the inspired and only infallible, authoritative Word of God. (2 Tim. 3:16-17; 2 Peter 1:19-21; Hebrews 4:12; Duet. 29:29; Ps. 102:18; 119:160)
- We believe in the **Triune Godhead** as eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. (Gen. 1:26; 3:22, 11:7; Isa. 6:8; Matt. 3:16, 28:19; 1 Cor. 12:4; 2 Cor. 13:14; Eph. 4:4; 1 Peter 1:2; Jude 20)
- We believe in the deity of **The Father** as the infinite and unchangeable Creator and Sustainer of the Universe. (Gen. 1 and 2; Jn. 1:1-3; Heb. 1:1-4)
- We believe in the deity of **Jesus Christ**, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious death and atonement through His shed Blood, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and in His present priestly ministry. (1 Tim. 3:16; Rom. 3:25,26; Matt. 1:18; Jn. 1:29; Lk. 24:7; Php. 2:8; Gal. 3:13-14; Jn. 10:25-27, 10:32; Heb. 1:3, 4:14-16; Lk. 4:18; Rev. 19:16)
- We believe in the deity of **The Holy Spirit** who seals and empowers the believer for life and ministry. (Eph. 1:13; Acts 2:8; 2 Peter 1:3; Mark 16:15-18; Rom. 8:9-11; 1 Pet. 1:11)

- We believe that for the **salvation** of lost and sinful man, regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential. We further believe in the keeping power of God. (Heb. 9:22; Jude 24,25) We further believe that Salvation is the spiritual process of restoration and wholeness with God; spirit, soul, and body. (1 Cor. 1:18; 1 Th. 5:23; Php. 2:12; Heb. 4:12, 9:14; 2 Cor. 3:18)
- We believe that **sanctification, holiness, and the overcoming life** is God's design for the Church, which is the Bride of Christ. (Eph. 5:25-27)
- We believe in **evangelistic** and **missionary** fervor and endeavor. (Acts 1:8; Mark 16:15-18)
- We believe that **sexual purity** is a necessary expression for all of God's children and requires abstinence from adultery, fornication, incest, homosexuality, or other sexual relationships or practices forbidden by Scripture. (Heb. 13:4; 1 Cor. 6:18; Lev. 18:1-30)
- We believe that God created mankind as **two distinct sexes: male and female** and that each person affirms God's infinite wisdom by **living in alignment** with their birth sex. (Gen 1:26-28; Matt 19:4-5)
- We believe that **marriage** is the uniting of one man and one woman in covenant commitment for a lifetime and a sacred institution established by God. (Matt. 19:4-6)
- We believe that since mankind is created in God's image, **human life** is of inestimable worth and significance in all its dimensions, from conception to the grave. (Genesis 1:27; Psalm 139:13-14)
- We believe that **Water Baptism** is for believers in the Lord Jesus Christ and is to be administered by immersion, thus bearing witness to the gospel of Christ's death, burial and resurrection for us, and our own new life in Him. (Matt. 28:19; Rom. 6:4)
- We believe in the **Baptism in the Holy Spirit** as on the day of Pentecost and in the continuing ministry of the Holy Spirit as evidenced in

charismatic gifts and ministries, and in the fruit of the Holy Spirit in the life of the believer. (Acts 2:4; Acts 10:46; Acts 19:6; Eph. 4:11; 1 Cor. 12:8-11; Gal. 5:22,23) We further believe that the Gifts and Graces of God are the outworking of the Holy Spirit for outreach, edification, and comfort. (Rom 12:3-8; 1 Cor. 12; 1 Cor. 14; Eph. 4:7-16; 1 Pet. 4:10-11; Mk. 16:15-19)

- We believe that **Communion**, when shared by believers, witnesses to the saving power of the gospel, to Christ's presence in His church, and looks forward to His victorious return. (1 Cor. 11:23-26)
- We believe that **divine healing** is obtained on the basis of the Atonement. (1 Pet. 2:24; Matt. 8:17)
- We believe in **Christ's imminent personal return** in power and great glory, and in His present and everlasting dominion. (Acts 1:8; Rev. 1:7; Dan. 7:14; Acts 1:11; 1 Th. 4:16; Rev. 1:7)
- We believe in the **resurrection** of both the saved and the lost: they that are saved unto the resurrection of eternal life and them that are lost unto the resurrection of eternal punishment. (Jn. 5:28,29; Rev. 20:15) We further believe that **Heaven and Hell** are the eternal reward or consequence, based completely on a relationship with Jesus Christ. (Lk. 23:43; Jn. 14:3, 14:6; Php. 3:20; Rev. 2:7; Rev. 20:11-15; 2 Cor. 5:10; Lk. 12:5; Lk. 16:19-21)
- We believe that **Satan and Demons** are the enemy of God and desire to kill, steal, and destroy mankind. But Jesus Christ came to give mankind abundant life and to destroy the work of the evil one. (Jn. 10:10; 1 Jn. 3:8; Lk. 11:20; Acts 26:17-18)
- We believe that the **Tithe and Offerings** are the privilege and obligation of every believer to financially support the local church assembly (tithe) and local, regional, and global mission activities (offerings) as tangible acts of worship. (Deut. 12:1-14; Mal. 3:6-12; Matt. 5:17; Lk. 11:42; Php. 4:15-19; 1 Cor. 16:1-3; 2 Cor. 9:6-10)