



Statement of Beliefs

Bible

We believe the Bible is the inspired and infallible Word of God and guides us in matters of faith and practice. (Isaiah 40:8; Matthew 5:18; 24:35; Mark 12:36; John 14:26; 16:12-15; Acts 1:16; Romans 15:4; I Corinthians 2:12-13; 2 Timothy 3:14-16; Hebrews 4:12; 2 Peter 1:20-21; I Corinthians 2:12-13; 2 Timothy 3:14-16; Hebrews 4:12; 2 Peter 1:20-21)

God

We believe in one God, creator of all things. He is all knowing, all powerful, all present, and eternally good. He exists as the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. (Exodus 3:14-15, John 4:24, Matthew 28:19, John 1:1-2)

- **Father**

We believe in God the Father, Almighty, Creator of all things visible and invisible. (Genesis 1:1; Acts 17:24-28; Hebrews 11:3)

- **Son**

We believe in Jesus Christ, God's one and only Son, our one and only Savior. Who is both fully human and fully divine, conceived by the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary. Who died and was buried, and who rose again bodily from the dead on the third day. Who ascended into Heaven and now sits at the right hand of God the Father. Who will return to earth to judge both the living and the dead. (Matthew 21:11; John 1:14; John 3:16; I John 4:9; 2 Peter 3:18)

- **Holy Spirit**

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the third person of the Trinity, who is God and indwells every Christian. (John 16:5-15; Acts 1:7-8; Romans 8:26-27; I Corinthians 3:16; 6:19; 2 Timothy 1:14)

Image of God

- We believe that mankind is made in the image of God, male and female, and that marriage is between one man and one woman. (Genesis. 1:27; Mark 10:6; Ephesians 5:31)
- We believe in the sanctity of life from conception to death, each individual is valuable and precious in the sight of God. (Genesis 2:7; Psalm 139:13-16; Jeremiah 22:3)
- We believe we are to make disciples as commanded in the Great Commission as well as care for the oppressed, orphans and widows. (Jeremiah 22:3; James 1:27; Matthew 28:19-20)

Salvation

- **We believe all have sinned. This separates us from God.**
 - We believe the Bible teaches that man, created by God, willfully sinned against God and is consequently lost and without hope apart from Jesus Christ. We believe the Bible teaches that salvation – the forgiveness of sin – is only by grace through the blood of Jesus Christ. We believe the Bible teaches that one receives God’s grace by putting faith in Christ, repenting of sin, confessing Christ and being immersed into Christ, but that none of these is sufficient in and of itself for the assurance of salvation. (Matthew 16:16; Acts 2:38; Romans 3:23; Romans 5:9; Romans 5:12; Romans 6:1-7; Romans 10:9; Ephesians 2:8, 9; I Peter 1:18-19; I Peter 3:21; 2 Peter 3:9; I John 4:15)

- **Sin separated God’s Kingdom from Earth**
 - We believe that the Garden of Eden was a beautiful and perfect marriage of heaven and earth. When Adam and Eve sinned, what is holy, (God) could no longer be in the presence of what is unholy (fallen creation). The two had to separate. We believe the Bible teaches that Jesus came to Earth preaching the good news that the Kingdom of God is here but not yet in its fullness. Through Jesus’ death and resurrection He has reconciled fallen man with a holy God for those who believe. We await full consummation of the Kingdom upon Christ’s return. (Genesis 2: 4-25; Genesis 3:23-25; Matthew 3:2; Revelation 21:1-5)

The Church

- We believe in one Church, founded on the day of Pentecost, under the headship and authority of Christ, whose followers both past and present have universally accepted and strive to live out the teachings of Christ as revealed in the New Testament. (Acts 2:1-47)
- We believe in the priesthood of all believers; through the mediation of Christ and the work of the Holy Spirit, believers are enabled and empowered to approach God’s throne of grace with confidence and to serve others in love. (Hebrew 4:16)
- We believe that, as those who are faithful to Christ, our first two commands are to love God with all that we are and to love our neighbors as ourselves. We are called to go out into the world and share the good news of Jesus with others who don't yet know Him and His saving grace. (Matthew 22:37-39; Matthew 28:19)
- We believe that we are called to both proclaim and demonstrate the good news of the Kingdom of God. (Matthew 3:2; Matthew 4:17; Mark 1:15)

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