

# STATEMENT OF FAITH

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## THE BIBLE

### **THE BIBLE IS GOD'S INSPIRED WORD TO US.**

We believe that the original manuscripts of the Old and New Testament comprise the full, word-for-word, truthful, inerrant, and inspired word of God which is the supreme and final authority in doctrine and practice. The Bible is truth without error.

*Isaiah 40:8, John 1:1-5, 2 Timothy 3:16, Hebrews 4:12, 2 Peter 1:20-21*

## THE NATURE OF GOD

### **GOD IS ETERNAL.**

God has eternally existed. God always was, is and will be.

*Genesis 1:1, Psalm 2, Psalm 90:2, Jeremiah 10:10, Revelation 1:8*

### **GOD IS THREE IN ONE.**

God is three persons in one: the Father, Jesus the Son, and the Holy Spirit. The three are coequal.

*Deuteronomy 6:4, Matthew 28:19, John 10:30, John 16:7-14, 2 Corinthians 13:13-14, 1 Peter 1:2*

## CREATION

### **GOD CREATED THE HEAVENS AND THE EARTH.**

There is a master designer with a master design. God is the master designer; He created the heavens and the earth and it was very good.

*Genesis 1:1-31, Genesis 2, Psalm 19:1*

### **GOD CREATED HUMANITY IN HIS IMAGE.**

People are the supreme object of God's creation and were created in His image and likeness; we were created male and female. Marriage is the union of one man and one woman.

*Genesis 1:26-27, Genesis 2:20-24, Psalm 8:1-6, Matthew 19:4-6*

### **GOD CREATED US TO BE STEWARDS OF HIS CREATION.**

God commanded humanity to rule over and take care of the world he created.

*Genesis 1:28, Genesis 2:15, Psalm 24:1, Colossians 3:23*

## THE FALL

### **HUMANS SINNED AND SEPARATED THEMSELVES FROM GOD.**

Sin was humans' desire to live independently of God on our own terms. The fall broke right relationship between ourselves and God, others, self, and nature. The image of God in humanity was distorted and defaced.

*Genesis 3:8-24, Isaiah 53:6, Isaiah, 59:1-2, Romans 3:23*

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## REDEMPTION

### **JESUS IS THE ATONEMENT FOR SIN TO REDEEM HUMANS TO GOD.**

Jesus is God's Son sent to make a way for right relationship with God. The Gospel - or Good News - of Jesus is an atonement of His death, burial, and resurrection for the forgiveness of sins. Salvation is God's gift to us, but we must accept it. We need to repent, believe, and choose to follow Jesus as a response to God's free gift.

*Genesis 3, John 1:29b, John 14:6, Romans 6:23, Romans 1:16-17, Romans 6:23*

### **WE BELIEVE AND THEN ARE BAPTIZED.**

We first believe in Jesus to forgive our sins and then become baptized as a declaration of our decision to be His disciple. Baptism is a sign that we have been rescued from sin and death, given new life in Jesus, and that the Holy Spirit resides in us.

*Mark 16:16, Acts 2:38, Ephesians 2:8*

### **WE ARE MEMBERS OF JESUS' CHURCH**

Jesus promised that He would build His church. The church is the body and bride of Christ and a living temple where God dwells in each of His people. Everyone that has accepted salvation and been saved is a member of Christ's church and becomes a part of His body.

*Matthew 16:15-18, John 17:20-26, 1 Corinthians 12:12-14, Galatians 3:28-29, 1 Peter 2:4-5*

### **WE HAVE A DIVINE MISSION.**

God calls each one of us to join His purposes here on earth. We are called to build the Kingdom of God by making disciples. Our faith is lived out in actions of obedience to God. We must partner with the work of the Holy Spirit in bringing the Kingdom of God on this earth.

*Matthew 28:18-20, Mark 16:15, Galatians 5:25, James 2:26*

## RESTORATION

### **CHRIST WILL COME AGAIN.**

Christ will come to judge the living and the dead and to receive those who belong to Him. Those whom Christ has restored to right standing with the Father are welcomed in heaven.

*John 14:1-3, Acts 3:21, Philippians 3:20-21, 2 Timothy 4:1, Hebrews 9:28*

### **GOD ESTABLISHES A NEW CREATION.**

When Christ returns, He will establish a new heaven and a new earth.

*Isaiah 65:17, Isaiah 66:27, Romans 8:18-25, 2 Peter 3:13, Revelation 21:1*

### **PEOPLE WILL EXIST ETERNALLY WITH OR APART FROM GOD.**

God's free gift of salvation is available for all who choose to put their trust in Jesus and follow Him. Those who are saved will spend eternity with God. Those who do not choose to follow Him will spend eternity apart from God.

*Ecclesiastes 3:11, Matthew 25:41, John 3:16, 2 Corinthians 5:8*