



STATEMENT OF FAITH

The sole basis of our belief is the Holy Bible, which is uniquely God-inspired, without error, and the final authority on all matters in life. (2 Tim. 3:16; 2 Peter 1:21; Psalm 12:6)

As the Bible teaches, there is one God, who eternally exists as three persons – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – each possessing all the attributes of Deity. (Gen 1:1,26; Deut. 6:4; John 1:1,3; Matt. 28:19; 1Cor. 8:6; Rev. 22:13; 2 Cor. 13:14)

God the Father is Creator of heaven and earth and all people are created in His image. The Bible teaches that God loves everyone. He invites them to live in communion with Himself and in community with each other. Apart from Jesus Christ, all people are spiritually lost and deserve the judgment of God because of their sins. However, God gives salvation and eternal life to anyone who trusts and has faith in Jesus Christ and in His sacrifice on our behalf. Salvation cannot be earned through personal goodness or human effort. It is a gift that must be received by humble repentance and faith in Jesus Christ and His finished work on the cross. (Luke 10:21,22; Matt. 23:9; John 3:16; 6:27; Romans 1:7; I Timothy 1:1,2; 2:5,6; I Peter 1:3; Revelation 1:6)

Jesus Christ, the second Person of the Trinity, was born of the Virgin Mary, lived a sinless human life, willingly took all of our sins upon Himself, died on the cross and rose again. He is at the right hand of God the Father as our advocate and mediator. Some day Jesus will return to complete history and to fulfill the eternal plan of God. (Luke 1:34-35; Phil. 2:6-8; John 1:14; Heb. 4:15; John 10:18; 1 Cor. 15:3-4; Acts 1:9; Acts 5:31; 1 Timothy 2:5; Rom. 5:18-19; 1 Peter 3:18; Eph. 1:7; Eph. 2:8-9)

The Holy Spirit, the third Person of the Trinity, convicts the world of sin and draws people to Christ. He dwells in all believers and is available to empower us to lead Christ-like lives. The Holy Spirit also gives us spiritual gifts with which to serve the church and reach out to a lost and needy world. (John 14:16-17, Ephesians 4:30, 1 Corinthians 12:7)

All believers are members of the body of Christ, the one true Church. Spiritual unity is to be expressed among Christians by acceptance and love of one another. Death confirms the eternal destiny of each person. At the final judgment, unbelievers will be separated from God into condemnation, while believers will be received into God's loving presence and rewarded for their faithfulness to Him in this life. (Genesis 1:26; 5:2; Genesis 3; Genesis 2:17; 3:19; Eccl. 2:11; John 3:14; 5:24; John 5:30; 7:13; 8:12; 10:26; Romans 9:22; II

Thessalonians 1:9; Rev. 19:3,20; 20:10;14,15; 21:18; Psalm 51:7; Jeremiah 17:9; James 1:14; Romans 3:19; 5:19; Proverbs 28:13; I John 1:9; John 3:16; John 1:13; II Corinthians 5:17; Romans 8:16.)

These statements reflect a summary of the central principles of the Bible, which are also presented in the historic creeds of the Christian church.