

Statement of Faith

The Bible is the inspired, infallible, and authoritative Word of God, inerrant in its original texts. (Ex 24:4; Deut. 4:1-2; 17:19; Josh 8:34; Ps 19:7-10; 119:11, 89, 105, 140; Is 34:16; 40:8; Jer. 15:16; 36:1-32; Matt 5:17-18; 22:29; Lu 21:33; 24:44-46; John 5:39; 16:13-15; 17:17; Acts 2:16ff.; 17:11; Rom 15:4; 16:25-26; 2 Tim 3:15-17; Heb 1:1-2; 4:12; 1 Pet 1:25; 2 Pet 1:19-21.)

There is only one God, eternally existent in three persons: the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. (Gen 1:1; 2:7; Ex 3:14; 6:2-3; 15:11ff.; 20:1ff.; Lev 22:2; Deut. 6:4; 32:6; 1 Chron 29:10; Ps 19:1-3; Is 43:3,15; 64:8; Jer. 10:10; 17:13; Matt 6:9ff.; 7:11; 23:9; 28:19; Mark 1:9-11; John 4:24; 5:26; 14:6-13; 17:1-8; Acts 1:7; Rom 8:14-15; 1 Cor 8:6; Ga 4:6; Eph 4:6; Col 1:15; 1 Tim 1:17; Heb 11:6; 12:9; 1 Pet 1:17; 1 John 5:7.)

In the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His substitutional and atoning death through His shed blood, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, in His personal return to power and glory, and in His coming again to judge the living and the dead. (Gen 18:1ff.; Ps 2:7ff.; 110:1ff.; Is 7:14; 53:1-12; Matt 1:18-23; 3:17; 8:29; 11:27; 14:33; 16:16,27; 17:5; 27; 28:1-6,19; Mark 1:1; 3:11; Lu 1:35; 4:41; 22:70; 24:46; John 1:1-18,29; 10:30,38; 11:25-27; 12:44-50; 14:7-11; 16:15-16,28; 17:1-5, 21-22; 20:1-20,28; Acts 1:9; 2:22-24; 7:55-56; 9:4-5,20; Rom 1:3-4; 3:23-26; 5:6-21; 8:1-3,34; 10:4; 1 Cor 1:30; 2:2; 8:6; 15:1-8,24-28; 2 Cor 5:19-21; 8:9; Gal 4:4-5; Eph 1:20; 3:11; 4:7-10; Phil 2:5-11; Col 1:13-22; 2:9; 1 Thess. 4:14-18; 1 Tim 2:5-6; 3:16; Titus 2:13-14; Heb 1:1-3; 4:14-15; 7:14-28; 9:12-15,24-28; 12:2; 13:8; 1 Pet 2:21-25; 3:22; 1 John 1:7-9; 3:2; 4:14-15; 5:9; 2 John 7-9; Rev 1:13-16; 5:9-14; 12:10-11; 13:8; 19:16.)

That for the salvation of lost and sinful man, regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential. (Gen 3:15; Ex 3:14-17; 6:2-8; Matt 1:21; 4:17; 16:21-26; 27:22-28:6; Lu 1:68-69; 2:28-32; John 1:11-14,29; 3:3-21,36; 5:24; 10:9,28-29; 15:1-16; 17:17; Acts 2:21; 4:12; 15:11; 16:30-31; 17:30-31; 20:32; Rom 1:16-18; 2:4; 3:23-25; 4:3ff.; 5:8-10; 6:1-23; 8:1-18,29-39; 10:9-10,13; 13:11-14; 1 Cor 1:18,30; 6:19-20; 15:10; 2 Cor 5:17-20; Gal 2:20; 3:13; 5:22-25; 6:15; Eph 1:7; 2:8-22; 4:11-16; Phil 2:12-13; Col 1:9-22; 3:1ff.; 1 Thess. 5:23-24; 2 Tim 1:12; Titus 2:11-14; Heb 2:1-3; 5:8-9; 9:24-28; 11:1-12,8,14; Jam 2:14-26; 1 Pet 1:2-23; 1 John 1:6-2:11; Rev 3:20; 21:1-22:5.)

In the present ministry of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a godly life and supernaturally gifted to serve and fulfill God's will and purposes on earth. (Gen 1:2; Jud 14:6; Job 26:13; Ps 51:11; 139:7ff.; Is 61:1-3; Joel 2:28-32; Matt 1:18; 3:16; 4:1; 12:28-32; 28:19; Mark 1:10,12; Lu 1:35; 4:1,18-19; 11:13; 12:12; 24:49; John 4:24; 14:16-17,26; 15:26; 16:7-14; Acts 1:8; 2:1-4,38; 4:31; 5:3; 6:3; 7:55; 8:17,39; 10:44; 13:2; 15:28; 16:6; 19:1-6; Rom 8:9-11,14-16,26-27; 1 Cor 2:10-14; 3:16; 12:3-11,13; Gal 4:6; Eph 1:13-14; 4:30; 5:18; 1 Thess. 5:19; 1 Tim 3:16; 4:1; 2 Tim 1:14; 3:16; Heb 9:8,14; 2 Pet 1:21; 1 John 4:13; 5:6-7; Rev 1:10; 22:17.)

In the resurrection of both the saved and the lost; they that are saved unto the resurrection of life and they that are lost unto the resurrection of damnation. (Is 2:4; 11:9; Matt 16:27; 18:8-9; 19:28; 24:27,30,36,44; 25:31-46; 26:64; Mark 8:38; 9:43-48; Lu 12:40,48; 16:19-26; 17:22-37; 21:27-28; John 14:1-3; Acts 1:11; 17:31; Rom 14:10; 1 Cor 4:5; 15:24-28, 35-58; 2 Cor 5:10; Phi 3:20-21; Col 1:5; 3:4; 1 Thess. 4:14-18; 5:1ff.; 2 Thess. 1:7ff.; 2; 1 Tim 6:14; 2 Tim 4:1,8; Titus 2:13; Heb 9:27-28; Jam 5:8; 2 Pet 3:7ff.; 1 John 2:28; 3:2; Jude 14; Rev 1:18; 3:11; 20:1-22:13.)

In the spiritual unity of all believers in Christ worldwide, regardless of skin color, nationality, or language. (Ex 17:12; 18:17ff.; Jud 7:21; Ez. 1:3-4; 2:68-69; 5:14-15; Neh. 4; 8:1-5; Matt 10:5-15; 20:1-16; 22:1-10; 28:19-20; Mark 2:3; Lu 10:1ff.; Acts 1:13-14; 2:1ff.; 4:31-37; 13:2-3; 15:1-35; 1 Cor 1:10-17; 3:5-15; 12; 2 Cor 8-9; Gal 1:6-10; Eph 4:1-16; Phil 1:15-18.)

In the responsibility of every believer to make disciples, be Partners of Jesus Christ in this world, and to love others as Christ has loved us. (Gen 12:1-3; Ex 19:5-6; Is 6:1-8; Matt 9:37-38; 10:5-15; 13:18-30, 37-43; 16:19; 22:9-10; 24:14; 28:18-20; Lu 10:1-18; 24:46-53; John 14:11-12; 15:7-8,16; 17:15; 20:21; Acts 1:8; 2; 8:26-40; 10:42-48; 13:2-3; Rom. 10:13-15; 2 Cor 5:14-6:10; Eph 3:1-11; 1 Thess. 1:8; 2 Tim 4:5; Heb 2:1-3; 11:39-12:2; 1 Pet 2:4-10; Rev 22:17.)

It is the role of every local church to equip, edify and encourage every believer toward their Christ-centered identity and Kingdom purpose. (Deut. 4:1,5,9,14; 6:1-10; 31:12-13; Neh. 8:1-8; Job 28:28; Ps 19:7ff.; 119:11; Prov 3:13ff.; 4:1-10; 8:1-7,11; 15:14; Ecc. 7:19; Matt 5:2; 7:24ff.; 28:19-20; Lu 2:40; 1 Cor 1:18-31; Eph 4:11-16; Phil 4:8; Col 2:3,8-9; 1 Tim 1:3-7; 2 Tim 2:15; 3:14-17; Heb 5:12-6:3; Jam 1:5; 3:17.)

That God has established marriage as a lifelong, exclusive relationship between one man and one woman and that all intimate sexual activity outside the marriage relationship, whether heterosexual, homosexual, or otherwise, is immoral and therefore sin. (Gen 2:24-25; Ex 20:14, 17, 22:19; Lev 18:22-23, 20:13, 15-16; Matt 19:4-6, 9; Rom 1:18-31; 1 Cor 6:9-10, 15-20; 1 Tim 1:8-11; Jude 7.)

That God created the human race male and female and that all conduct with the intent to adopt a gender other than one's birth gender is immoral and therefore sin. (Gen 1:27; Deut. 22:5)

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