



## Doctrinal Statement

### **Inspiration and Inerrancy of the Bible**

We believe that the original manuscripts of the Old and New Testament comprise the full, inerrant and divinely inspired Word and Revelation of God. It is, therefore, our complete authority in doctrine and practice. 2 Tim 3:16-17.

### **Trinity**

We believe in one God eternally existing in three persons - Father, Son and Holy Spirit who have the same nature and attributes, but are distinct in personality and office. Deut 6:4; Mt 28:19; Jn 1:1-4, 10:30; 2 Cor 13:14; Rev 1:4-6.

### **The Father**

We believe that God the Father is the creator of all things. We believe that He is not dependent on any source outside of Himself for existence. He is all knowing, all powerful, righteous, holy, just and is uniquely other from all creation. Gen. 1:1; Jn. 5:62; Ps. 139:1-4; Jer. 32:17; Gen. 18:25; Lev. 11:44-45; Rom. 6:23; Jn. 8:23.

### **The Person and Work of Jesus Christ**

We believe that Jesus Christ is God manifest in the flesh, true God and true man. Conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. We believe that Jesus Christ lived a sinless life and died upon the cross for the salvation of all who believe on Him as Savior and Lord. We believe in the bodily resurrection of Jesus Christ from the grave, His ascension into heaven, and His personal, visible imminent return from heaven. Jn 1:1-3, 14; Lk 1:26-31; Rom 3:24-26; Phil 2:5-11; 1 Thess 4:13-18.

### **The Holy Spirit**

We believe in the personality and divinity of the Holy Spirit, whom Jesus Christ sent as a comforter to indwell, teach, lead and anoint believers. The Holy Spirit was also sent to convict the world of sin. Mt 28:19; Jn 14:16-17, 26; 16:7-11; Rom 8:11, 26-27; 1 Cor 2:10,11.

## **Gifts of the Holy Spirit, Miracles and Healing**

We believe that every believer receives the Holy Spirit at conversion and that every spiritual gift listed in scripture is available to the believer today. We believe that God continues to perform miracles, signs and wonders through the disciples of Jesus Christ. We believe that physical, emotional, mental and spiritual healing was provided in the redemptive work of Christ and is available to every person today. Mk 16:15-20; Acts 1:8; 2:4,14-21; 10:44-48; 19:1-6; 1 Cor 12:1-11; Ja 5:14-15; 1 Pet 2:24.

## **Church**

We believe in the church, both universally and locally, as the spiritual body of which Jesus Christ is the Head. The universal church consists of all true believers from Pentecost to the Rapture. The local church is an assembly of professing believers that are organized to carry out New Testament responsibilities. The Church was established by Jesus Christ who gave some to be apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers for the equipping of the saints for the work of the ministry. The fivefold ministry is still a vital and necessary part of equipping believers to fulfill God's plan and purpose in the church today. Eph 1:22-23; 4:11-16; Col 1:18.

## **New Testament Responsibilities**

We believe that every believer should be active in their responsibility to fulfill the Great Commission: "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you." Matt. 28:18

## **Ordinances of the Lord**

We believe in the ordinances of Water Baptism and the Lord's Supper. These were established by Jesus Christ to help provide a clear understanding of salvation. Through water baptism the believer is able to enter into the communion of the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ. The Lord's Supper reminds us of what Jesus Christ accomplished for us on the cross. His broken body and His sinless blood pay the price for the guilty who accept His sacrifice. Every time we receive communion we proclaim the Lord's death until He returns. Mt 28:19; Act 2:38; Rom 6:3-5; 1 Cor 11:23-27; Col 2:11-12.

## **Nature and Sinfulness of Man**

We believe man was created in the image of God, that in Adam "all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God," thereby incurring physical and spiritual death (separation from God) and are in need of salvation. Gen 1,27; Rom 3:23; 5:8,12; 6:23; Eph 2:8-9; Titus 3:4-5.

## **Salvation**

We believe in salvation by grace through faith in the finished work of Jesus Christ on the cross; that Jesus Christ gave “His life a ransom for many,” and “bore our sins in His own body on the tree.” If you “confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead you will be saved.” We believe that Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Him. Jn 14:6; 1 Pet 2:24; 1 Jn 2:1,2; Rom 10:9,10; Jn 1:12, 3:16,36, 5:24, 10:28, 11:25-26; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Eph 2:8,9; Titus 3:4-7.

## **Rapture, Second Coming and the Millennial reign of Christ**

We believe in the pre-tribulation rapture of the church. We believe the second coming of Jesus Christ will come at the end of the tribulation where He will set up a literal 1,000-year reign on the earth, before the final defeat of Satan. Zech 14:16-19; 1 Thess 4:13-18; 2 Tim 2:11-12; Rev 20:1-10.

## **Heaven and Hell**

We believe in a literal heaven for all born again followers of Jesus Christ who have accepted the sacrifice of Jesus Christ on the cross and remain steadfast in the faith. We believe in a literal hell, a place of punishment and torment, for all who deny and reject the sacrifice of Jesus Christ on the cross. Mt 10:28, 13:47-50, 25:31-46; Jn 3:16-18; 2 Thess 1:7-10; Rev 20:11-15.

## **Biblical Morality**

We believe that the Bible clearly shows a pattern of morality. This includes the sanctity of life (from conception to death) because God is the source of all life, the abstinence from sexual activity before marriage, the sanctity of the marriage (between one man and one woman) and homosexuality is not an acceptable alternative lifestyle. Gen. 1:26-31, Ps. 100; Heb. 13:4; 1 Cor. 6:9-10, 18-20; 7:8-9; 10:8; Gen. 2:24; Lev. 18:22; 20:13.