



STATEMENT OF FAITH

ABOUT GOD

God is the creator and ruler of the universe. He has eternally existed as three persons: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. These three are co-equal and are one God.

ABOUT HUMANITY

We are made in the image of God, to be like Him in character. We are the supreme object of God's creation. Everyone is marred by an attitude of rebellion toward God called sin. Sin separates people from God.

ABOUT ETERNITY

People are created to exist forever. Every person will exist either eternally separated from God by sin or in union with God through His forgiveness and salvation. To be eternally separated from God is hell. To be eternally in union with him is heaven. Heaven and hell are places of eternal existence.

ABOUT JESUS CHRIST

Jesus Christ is the Son of God. He is co-equal with the Father. Jesus was born of the virgin Mary by miraculous conception, lived a sinless human life and offered Himself as the perfect sacrifice for the sins of all by dying on a cross. He arose from the dead after three days, demonstrating His power over sin and death. He ascended to Heaven's glory where He is the only Mediator between God and people. He will return again to earth and will reign as King of kings and Lord of lords.

ABOUT SALVATION

Salvation is a gift from God to all people. Men and women can never make up for their sin by self-improvement or good works. Only by trusting in Jesus Christ as God's offer of forgiveness can a person be saved from sin's penalty. When God has begun a saving work in the heart of any person, He gives assurance in His Word that He will continue performing it until the day of its full consummation.

ABOUT GOD'S DEPENDABILITY

Because God gives men and women eternal life through Jesus Christ, and adopts them as His own, salvation is received and maintained by the grace and power of God—not by the self-effort of the Christian. It is the grace and keeping power of God that gives believers the assurance of salvation. No power in the universe can separate God's children from Him.

ABOUT THE HOLY SPIRIT

The Holy Spirit is equal with the Father and the Son as God. He is present in the world to make people aware of their need for Jesus Christ. He also lives in every Christian from the moment of salvation. He provides the Christian with power for living, understanding of spiritual truth, and guidance in doing what is right. The Christian seeks to live under His control daily.

ABOUT THE BIBLE

The Bible, both Old and New Testaments, is God's word to all. It was written by human authors, under the supernatural guidance of the Holy Spirit. The Scriptures are inspired by God, and are infallible and inerrant in the original manuscripts. They are the unique, full and final authority on all matters of faith and practice, and there are no other writings similarly inspired by God.

ABOUT FAITH AND PRACTICE

Scripture is the final authority in all matters of faith and practice. This church recognizes that it cannot bind the conscience of individual members in areas where Scripture is silent. Rather each believer is to be led in those areas by the Lord, to whom he or she alone is ultimately responsible.