

1.0 STATEMENT OF FAITH

Concerning the Holy Bible/ Canon of Scriptures

We believe that the Holy Bible/Canon of Scriptures:

- (i) was written by men divinely inspired, and with God for its author, salvation for its end, and truth without error for its matter;
- (ii) is and shall remain our only rule for faith, life and practice.

[II Tim. 3:16-17; II Tim. 3:15; Proverbs 30:5-6; Romans 2:12; Phil. 3:16; I John 4:1; Heb 4:12]

Concerning the True God

- (i) We believe in one God, the Creator of heaven and earth, the omniscient, omnipotent, omnipresent and eternal God whose name is JEHOVAH
- (ii) We believe in the unity of the Godhead: there are three persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost; equal in every divine perfection and executing distinct but harmonious offices in the great work of redemption.

[Ex.15:11; Ps.147:5; Isa.6:3; I Pet.1:15-16; Rev.4:6-11; Mark12:30; Matt.10:37; Jer.2:12-13; Matt.28:19; John 15:26; I Cor.12:4-6; I John 5:7; John10:30; John 5:17; John 14:23; John 17:5&10; Acts 5:3-4; I Cor.2:10-11; Phil. 2:5-6; Eph. 2:18; II Cor.13:14; Rev. 1:4-5]

Concerning the Lord Jesus Christ

We believe that:

- (i) The Lord Jesus Christ existed eternally as the only begotten Son of God that God the Father sent Him into the world to be the Saviour.
- (ii) He was conceived by the work of the Holy Spirit and born of a virgin.
- (iii) He is both fully God and fully man, being God embodied in the flesh.
- (iv) He lived a sinless life and through His voluntary death He made a full and substitutionary atonement for all sinners.
- (v) He died, was buried and rose again from the dead on the third day, and ascended into heaven where he is now seated at the right hand of God the Father ministering as our great High

Priest , and from where He will come again to take His Church (I Thess. 4:16; 1 Cor. 15) and consequently establish His kingdom and reign.

[Isa. 7:14; Jn. 1:1, 12, 29; 1 Pet. 3:18; Phil. 2:5-11; Heb. 4:14-16; I Thess. 4:16; 1 Cor. 15; Mt. 24:29-31; Rev. 11:15; Rev. 19, 20]

Concerning the Holy Spirit

We believe that:

- (i) He is a divine Person possessing all the attributes of God in personality and deity.
- (ii) He is equal with the Father and with the Son and is of the same substance and nature. He bears witness to and exalts the Person of the Lord Jesus Christ.
- (iii) His revelation to the unsaved world is that He convicts of sin, righteousness and judgment.
- (iv) He is the agent of the new birth in the believing sinner, whom He seals, indwells, empowers, guides, endows with gifts and teaches in the way of righteousness.

[Jn. 14:16-17; 16:5-14; Heb. 9:14; Eph. 1:13-14; 1 Cor. 12]

Concerning Man

We believe that:

- (i) Man was created by God in innocence but by voluntary transgression he fell from his sinless state. Because of this, all people are now sinners by nature and by choice and under just condemnation.
- (ii) The only hope and salvation for the sinful man is found in the person and work of the Lord Jesus Christ. [Gen. 1:27; Isa. 53:6; Rom. 3:23; 5:12-19; 8:1; 2 Cor. 5:17]

Concerning Salvation

We believe that:

- (i) The salvation of sinners is by *grace* alone, through *faith* alone and in *Christ* alone.
- (ii) In order to be saved, the sinner must be born again and regenerated by the Holy Spirit, where the new birth is wholly apart from works and is upon the sole condition of repentance toward God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.
- (iii) Upon confessing one's sin, accepting and confessing Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour, a believer is justified (declared as righteous) in the sight of God, receiving pardon of sins and

the imputation of divine righteousness. This salvation is eternally secure and will be evident in holiness of life.

Those who are saved by God's grace will spend eternity in full enjoyment of God's presence.

Those who by unbelief have never been reconciled to God through Jesus Christ will spend eternity in everlasting punishment.

[Eph. 2:8-9; 2 Pet. 1:4; Jn. 3:3-6; 10:28-29; Acts 13:39; Ps. 16:11; Mt. 25:46; Jn. 14:2]

Concerning the Church

We believe that:

- (i) The Church of Christ is the universal body of believers associated by covenant in the faith and fellowship of the gospel; observing the ordinances of Christ; governed by God's word and exercising the gifts, rights, and privileges invested in them by God's word.
- (ii) The unity of all believers in the Church, which is the Body and Bride of Christ is manifested through local churches, congregations of believers under the lordship of Jesus Christ and the leadership of the scriptural offices of pastors (or bishops or elders) and deacons.
- (iii) The Church has a divine duty to pray for the Civil Government and Political Leadership while guarding itself against any unbiblical influence from and involvement with such entities and activities thereof;
- (iv) Both male and female are called to service in Christ's church as provided for and guided by scripture.
- (v) The doctrine, life and worship of the Church are to be governed by the Word of God, including observing the ordinances and commitment to the great commission.

[Mt.28:19-20; Acts 2:41-47; 1 Cor. 12:23-27; 1Tim.3:1-13; Titus 1; Rev. 19:27; Rom 13: 1-7; Deu.16:18; 2Sam 23:3; Galatians 3:28; Luke 10:38-42, 8:3; Acts 16:14, 15; 1 Corinthians 12]

Concerning Baptism and the Lord's Supper

We believe that Christ instituted only two ordinances to the Church:

- (i) Baptism by immersion in water of a believer, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, to show forth the solemn emblem of our faith in and identification with the crucified, buried and risen Saviour, through whom we died to sin

and have been raised to a new life. [Acts 8:36-39; Rom. 6:3-5; Matt3:13-17; Mark 1:9-11]

- (ii) The Lord's Supper, a commemoration of Jesus' death until He comes, to be observed by believers only and always preceded by solemn self-examination. [1 Cor. 11:23-28]

Concerning Marriage

We believe that marriage is the God-ordained union of a man and a woman to the exclusion of all others, voluntarily entered into for life. [Gen 2: 18-25; Mal 2:16]

Concerning Christian living

We believe that:

- (i) The believer should be separated to God in holy living, seeking always to walk in the ways of Christ and His Word, not loving this world and its ungodly pursuits and pleasures [Rom. 12:1-2; Gal. 5:19-21; Prov. 6:17-19; Ps. 101:3-5; 1 Thess. 5:22]; and live in such a manner as not to bring reproach upon the name of our Lord and Savior [1 Thess.5:22].
- (ii) The purity and integrity of Biblical truth must be strongly proclaimed and defended against every incidence of, or tendency toward religious apostasy. [1 Tim. 4:1-3; 2 Tim. 3:1-5; 2 Jn. 7-11; 2 Cor. 6:14-17; 7:1]
- (iii) Believers ought to exercise mutual care and watchfulness over each other, seeking to promote growth in Christian grace, knowledge and holiness; faithfully encouraging, exhorting and admonishing each other, as occasion may require. [Gal. 6:1; Eph. 4:16; Heb. 10:24-25]
- (iv) Believers should be faithful in regularly assembling together with fellow believers on the Lord's day (Sunday) and at such times as the local church appoints for worship, instruction, prayer, evangelizing or business; to strive for its development in the course of Christ; to uphold its worship, ordinances, discipline and doctrines; to cheerfully and systematically contribute of our material means, according as God has prospered us, for the maintenance of a faithful and evangelical ministry, for the support of the poor, and for the spread of the gospel throughout the world. [Heb. 10:25; 2 Cor. 9:1-8; Acts 1:8]

- (v) Believers have the duty to maintain personal and, where possible, family devotions; to train up their children in the fear and admonition of the Lord; and to faithfully witness for Christ, seeking the salvation of the lost. [Col. 3:16; Eph. 6:4; 1 Pet. 3:1]
- (vi) Believers are called to live an exemplary life in and before the world, as a testimony to God's grace; to be just and honest in our dealings, being sensitive to put aside any practice that opposes spiritual mindedness or may cause others to stumble, living to the glory of Him who has called us out of spiritual darkness into His light. [Rom. 12:1-2; 14:13; 1 Pet. 2:9]