

MY STATEMENT OF FAITH

The Scriptures

I believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the verbally inspired Word of God, inerrant and infallible in the original manuscripts, and the supreme and final authority (2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:21).

The Godhead

I believe in one God, eternally existent in three persons—Father, Son and Holy Spirit—and that He created everything out of nothing for His own pleasure and purpose (John 1:1-18; Luke 3:21-22; Exodus 3:14, Isaiah 48:12-16, Matthew 28:18).

God the Father

I believe in the person of God the Father, an infinite, eternal, personal Spirit, perfect in holiness, wisdom, power and love; that He concerns Himself mercifully in the affairs of men; that He hears and answers prayer; and that He saves from sin and death all those who come to Him through Jesus Christ (Deuteronomy 33:27; Psalm 90:2, 102:27; John 3:16, 4:24; 1 Timothy 1:17; Titus 1:3).

God the Son

I believe Jesus, the eternal Son of God, took upon Himself the form of a man by means of the virgin birth. Atonement for sin was made by the sacrificial and substitutional death of Jesus Christ through His shed blood on the cross (Matt. 1:18-23; 1 Pet. 1:18-21; Rom. 3:25).

God the Holy Spirit

I believe the Holy Spirit is the Promise of the Father, our Comforter sent to convict the world of sin, which places the believer in the Body of Christ, indwells the believer, and bestows spiritual gifts to the Church (John 14:15-18; 16:5-15; 1 Corinthians 12-14, Acts 1:4-8; 2:1-4, 38-39; 8:14-17; 10:44-48; 19:1-7).

Man

I believe man was created in the image of God, through disobedience sinned and fell, and that the entire human race shares in man's lost and depraved nature (Genesis 1:26-28; 3; Romans 5:12-21).

Heaven and Hell

I believe in a literal Heaven and a literal Hell and that all those who place their faith, hope and trust in Jesus Christ will spend eternity in Heaven with the Lord. Those who reject

Jesus' free gift of salvation will spend eternity in the Lake of Fire separated from the Lord (Psalm 9:17; Matthew 5:3, 5:22, 18:9, 25:31-34; Mark 9:42-49; Luke 12:5; John 3:18; Hebrews 12:23; I Peter 1:4; Revelation 14:10-11, 20:11-15).

God's Sovereignty and Man's Free Will

I believe in the sovereignty of almighty God, that He is all-knowing and all-powerful — capable of doing whatever He pleases, and that He sovereignly chooses to accomplish His will through the free will of man (Genesis 2:9,17; Joshua 24:15; 1 Chronicles 29:11,12; Psalm 147:3,5; Isaiah 40:28; Ezekiel 20:9; Romans 11:33). God is not the author of evil, but every good and perfect gift must be attributed to Him (1 Corinthians 14:33; John 1:5; James 1:17). God cannot be tempted with sin, neither does He tempt any man therewith (James 1:13). Man is tempted when he is drawn away and enticed by his own selfish desires and is, therefore, held accountable for his own evil deeds (James 1:14,15; Proverbs 24:12; Jeremiah 32:19; Romans 2:6; Revelation 20:12,13).

Christ's Second Coming

I believe in the Second Coming of Jesus Christ, which is His personal, visible return to Earth and the establishment of His millennial kingdom, in the resurrection of the body, the final judgment and eternal blessing of the righteous and endless separation of the wicked (Matthew 16:27; Acts 1:11; Revelation 19:11-16, 20:11-15). I believe in the Pre-Tribulation Rapture of the Church where all believers will meet the Lord in the air and be taken out of this world prior to the Tribulation that will come upon the earth (Isaiah 26:20; Matthew 24:29-31; Luke 21:36; Romans 1:18, 5:9; I Thessalonians 1:10, 4:13-16, 5:9; II Peter 2:7-9; Revelation 3:10, 5:7-10, 7:13-14).