

# STATEMENT OF FAITH



## 1 HOLY SCRIPTURE

The Bible, and the Bible alone, is the authoritative Word of God. It is the supreme authority in determining all doctrinal truth. The original Scriptures are divinely inspired, accurate, and infallible. (*2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:20-21; Proverbs 30:5; Romans 16:25-26*).

## 2 THE TRINITY

There is only one eternal God, existing in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. These three persons are co-equal and co-eternal. (*1 John 5:7; Genesis 1:26; Matthew 3:16-17; 28:19; Luke 1:35; Isaiah 9:16; Hebrews 3:7-11*).

## 3 JESUS CHRIST

Jesus Christ is God the Son, the second person of the Trinity. While on earth, Jesus was 100% God and 100% man. He is the only person who ever lived a sinless life. He was born of a virgin, lived a sinless life, performed miracles, died on the cross for all humanity, and thereby redeemed us by shedding His blood. According to Scripture He rose from the dead on the third day, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will return again in power and glory. (*John 1:1, 14, 20:28; 1 Timothy 3:16; Isaiah 9:6; Philipians 2:5-6; 1 Timothy 2:5*).

## 4 THE VIRGIN BIRTH

Jesus Christ was conceived by God the Father through the Holy Spirit (the third person of the Trinity) in the womb of the virgin Mary, and is therefore the Son of God. (*Matthew 1:18, 25; Luke 1:35; Isaiah 7:14; Luke 1:27-35*).

## 5 REDEMPTION

Man was created good and upright, but by voluntarily sinning, he fell. The only hope for redemption is Jesus Christ, the Son of God. (*Genesis 1:26-31, 3:1-7; Romans 5:12-21*).

## 6 REGENERATION

Regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely necessary for every person to know God. (*John 6:44, 65; Matthew 19:28; Titus 3:5*).

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## 7 SALVATION

We are saved by grace through faith in Jesus Christ: in His death, burial, and resurrection. Salvation is a gift from God, not a result of our good works or human efforts. (*Ephesians 2:8-9; Galatians 2:16, 3:8; Titus 3:5; Romans 10:9-10; Acts 16:31; Hebrews 9:22*).

## 8 REPENTANCE

Repentance is the decision to turn away from sin in every area of life and to follow Christ, which gives us the opportunity to receive His redemption and to be born again by the Holy Spirit. Through repentance we receive forgiveness of sins and salvation. (*Acts 2:21, 3:19; 1 John 1:9*).

## 9 SANCTIFICATION

Sanctification is the ongoing process of submitting to God's Word and His Spirit in order to form the character of Christ within us. It is through the active work of the Holy Spirit and the Word of God that a Christian is able to live a godly life. (*1 Thessalonians 4:3, 5:23; 2 Corinthians 3:18, 6:14-18; 2 Thessalonians 2:1-3; Romans 8:29, 12:1-2; Hebrews 2:11*).

## 10 THE BLOOD OF JESUS

The blood of Jesus Christ, shed on the Cross of Calvary, was pure and fully able to cleanse all humanity from every sin. Jesus allowed this punishment to be carried out upon Himself for our sinfulness and for our sins, providing freedom from the penalty of sin — which is death — to all who believe. (*1 John 1:7; Revelation 1:5, 5:9; Colossians 1:20; Romans 3:10-12, 23, 5:9; John 1:29*).

## 11 CHRIST INDWELLS EVERY BELIEVER

Christians are those who have invited the Lord Jesus Christ to come and live within them by the Holy Spirit. They have yielded to His lordship over their lives, making Jesus their Lord and Saviour. Their hope rests in what Jesus accomplished for them when He died, was buried, and rose again from the dead. (*John 1:12, 14:17, 23, 15:4; Romans 8:11; Revelation 3:20*).

## 12 BAPTISM IN THE HOLY SPIRIT

The Holy Spirit was given on the Day of Pentecost. This is the promise of the Father. He was sent by Jesus after His ascension to empower the Church to preach the Gospel throughout all the Earth. (*Joel 2:28-29; Matthew 3:11; Mark 16:17; Acts 1:5, 2:1-4, 17, 38-39, 8:14-17, 10:38, 44-47, 11:15-17, 19:1-6*).

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## 13 GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

The Holy Spirit manifests Himself through a variety of spiritual gifts to build up and glorify the church, to demonstrate the reality of the resurrection, and to confirm the power of the Gospel. The list of gifts presented in the Bible is not exhaustive, as gifts may manifest in various combinations. All believers are called to eagerly desire the manifestation of gifts in their lives. These gifts always operate in harmony with Scripture and must never be used outside biblical parameters. (*Hebrews 2:4; Romans 1:11, 12:4-8; Ephesians 4:16; 1 Timothy 4:14; 2 Timothy 1:6-7; 1 Corinthians 12:1-31, 14:1-40; 1 Peter 4:10*).

## 14 THE CHURCH

The Church is the body of Jesus Christ, the dwelling place of God through the Spirit. The Church is called to fulfil the Great Commission of Jesus. Every born-again person is an integral part of the church, as he is a member of the body that consists of believers. There is spiritual unity among all those who believe in our Lord Jesus Christ. (*Ephesians 1:22, 2:19-22; Hebrews 12:23; John 17:11, 20-23*).

## 15 TWO ORDINANCES

**Water Baptism.** Following faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, and in accordance with God's Word, the new believer should be baptized in water in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. (*Matthew 28:19; Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; Acts 8:12, 36-38, 10:47-48*).

**Communion.** A special time of fellowship in God's presence, when bread is broken and grape juice (the Body and Blood of the Lord Jesus Christ) is taken in remembrance of Jesus' sacrifice on the cross. (*Matthew 26:26-29; 1 Corinthians 10:16, 11:23-25*).

## 16 DIVINE HEALING

Healing of the sick was demonstrated in the life and ministry of Jesus and is part of the commission He gave to His disciples. It is given as a sign that should accompany believers. It is also part of the finished work of Jesus on the cross and one of the gifts of the Spirit. (*Psalms 103:2-3; Isaiah 53:5; Matthew 8:16-17; Mark 16:17-18; Acts 8:6-7; James 5:14-16; 1 Corinthians 12:9, 28; Romans 11:29*).

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## 17 GOD'S WILL FOR OUR PROVISION

It is the Father's will for believers to be whole, healthy, and prosperous in all areas of life. However, because of the Fall, many people may not experience the fullness of God's blessings while on Earth. Yet this fact should not prevent believers from seeking the fullness of the provision that Christ supplies, in order to serve others more effectively.

**Spiritual provision** (*John 3:3-11; 2 Corinthians 5:17-21; Romans 10:9-10*).

**Emotional & mental provision** (*2 Timothy 1:7, 2:11; Philippians 4:7-8; Romans 12:2; Isaiah 26:3*).

**Physical provision** (*Isaiah 53:4-5; Matthew 8:17; 1 Peter 2:24*).

**Financial provision** (*Joshua 1:8; Malachi 3:10-11; Luke 6:38; 2 Corinthians 9:6-10; Deuteronomy 28:1-14; Psalm 34:10, 84:11; Philippians 4:19*).

## 18 THE RESURRECTION

Jesus Christ rose from the dead in a glorified body on the third day after His death on the cross. Moreover, both the saved and the unsaved will be resurrected. The saved will rise to live eternally, while the unsaved will rise to face eternal punishment. (*Luke 24:16, 36, 39; John 2:19-21, 20:26-28, 21:4; Acts 24:15; 1 Corinthians 15:42, 44; Philippians 1:21-23, 3:21*).

## 19 HEAVEN

Heaven is the eternal dwelling place of all who believe in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. (*Matthew 5:3, 12, 20, 6:20, 19:21, 25:34; John 17:24; 2 Corinthians 5:1; Hebrews 11:16; 1 Peter 1:4*).

## 20 HELL

Upon completing their earthly life, unbelievers will be judged by God and sent to hell, where they will endure eternal punishment together with the devil and his fallen angels. (*Matthew 25:41; Mark 9:43-48; Hebrews 9:27; Revelation 14:9-11, 20:12-15, 21:8*).

## 21 THE SECOND COMING

Jesus Christ will physically and visibly return to Earth a second time to establish His Kingdom. This will occur on a day not revealed in Scripture. (*Matthew 24:30, 26:63-64; Acts 1:9-11; 1 Thessalonians 4:15-17; 2 Thessalonians 1:7-8; Revelation 1:7*).