

# Statement of Faith

## We Believe:

1. In one God, Creator of all things, infinitely perfect and eternally existing in three persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. (Matthew 28:19; John 17:3; Revelation 4:11)
2. Mankind was created in the image of God, both male and female. Biblical marriage also represents God's image by the joining together in a covenant and exclusive relationship of one male and one female. (Genesis 1:27; 2:22-24; Matthew 19:4-5)
3. Man, by his own choice, sinned and broke relationship and fellowship with God. At the fall, sin and death entered the world. (Genesis 3:1-19; Romans 5:6, 3:23)
4. God, by His grace and because of His love for mankind, provided a means to reconcile the world to himself through the shedding of Jesus Christ's blood on the cross. Without reconciliation, man is sinful to the core of who he is from conception and remains separated from God. (Eph 2:8-9; John 3:16; Psalm 51:5; Heb 9:7-13)
5. Jesus Christ is fully God and fully man, conceived of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He died on the cross as a sacrifice for all sin according to the Scriptures. Furthermore, he arose in bodily form from the dead, ascended into heaven where He is currently at the right hand of God the Father and is the High Priest and Advocate for all believers. He is the only passageway to the Father. (John 1:1; Hebrews 1:8; I Corinthians 15:3-4; Matthew 1:18; Hebrews 1:3; Hebrews 9:24; John 14:6)
6. When a person believes in his heart that God raised Jesus Christ from the dead and confesses with his mouth that Jesus Christ is Lord, he is reconciled to God through faith and saved from eternal death. (Colossians 1:21, Romans 10:9)
7. Christ baptizes every believer with the Holy Spirit at the point of salvation. The Holy Spirit regenerates the sinner and imputes Jesus' righteousness onto the sinner, thus, making him forever acceptable to God. (Romans 4:23-24; Ephesians 1:13-14; Titus 3:5-7, 2 Corinthians 5:21)
8. Every believer is baptized by the Holy Spirit and is a new creation and joint heir to the kingdom of God along with Jesus Christ. This single baptism by the Holy Spirit places the believer into Christ and His Body, which is the Church. (John 1:32-33; 2 Corinthians 5:17; Galatians 3:26-27; John 3:3-5, 1 Corinthians 12:13)
9. The Scriptures, both Old and New Testaments, are the inspired Word of God without error in the original manuscripts. They are the complete revelation of His will for the salvation of men and the divine and final authority for all Christian faith and life. (II Timothy 3:16-17; II Peter 1:19-21)

10. As the believer seeks Christ through prayer, reading the Word of God and genuine Christian fellowship, he is transformed more and more into His likeness. (1 Corinthians 15:49; 2 Corinthians 3:18)
11. For unhindered fellowship with Christ, the believer must confess and repent of his sins. (1 John 1:7-9; John 13:6-13)
12. The Holy Spirit teaches the believer all things. (John 14:26; 1 John 2:27)
13. All believers receive at least one spiritual gift to be used for the common good of the church. (1 Corinthians 1:6-7, 12:7, Eph 4:7-13)
14. Jesus Christ is Head of the Church and the Church is the Body of Christ on Earth, here to be His ambassadors and to carry out His will. It is the responsibility of each believer to carry out the Great Commission. (Acts 2:42-47, 2 Corinthians 5:20; Ephesians 1:22-23; Matthew 28:19-20; 1 Peter 3:15)
15. There is a time when Jesus Christ will be revealed to all mankind in His glory at which point all believers, both those who had died and those who are living, will be transformed completely into the likeness of Christ. The believer will fully recognize the spiritual blessings that he received at the point of salvation and will receive the remaining inheritance currently awaiting him, including eternal life. (1 Corinthians 15:42-54, 1 Corinthians 13:9-12, Eph 1:13-14)