



OUR STATEMENT OF FAITH

What We Believe

- **In essential beliefs — we have unity.**

“There is one Body and one Spirit...there is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God and Father of us all...” Eph. 4:4-6

- **In non-essential beliefs — we have liberty.**

“Accept him whose faith is weak, without passing judgment on disputable matters... Who are you to judge someone else’s servant? To his own master he stands or falls... So then each of us will give an account of himself to God... So whatever you believe about these things keep between yourself and God.” Romans 14:1,4,12,22

- **In all our beliefs — we show charity.**

*“...If I hold in my mind not only all human knowledge but also the very secrets of God, and if I have the faith that can move mountains — but have **no love**, I amount to nothing at all.” 1 Cor. 13:2 (Ph)*

THE ESSENTIALS WE BELIEVE:

1. ABOUT GOD

God is the Creator and Ruler of the universe. He has eternally existed in three personalities: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. These three are co-equal and are one God.

Genesis 1:1,26,27, 3:22; Psalm 90:2; Matthew 28:19;
1 Peter 1:2; 2 Corinthians 13:14

2. ABOUT JESUS CHRIST

Jesus Christ is the Son of God. He is co-equal with the Father. Jesus lived a sinless human life and offered Himself as the perfect sacrifice for the sins of all people by dying on a cross. He arose from the dead after three days to demonstrate His power over sin and death. He ascended to Heaven’s glory and will return again someday to earth to reign as King of Kings, and Lord of Lords.

Matthew 1:22, 23; Isaiah 9:6; John 1:1-5; 14:10-30;
Hebrews 4:14,15; 1 Corinthians 15:3,4; Romans 1:3,4;
Acts 1:9-11; 1 Timothy 6:14,15; Titus 2:13

3. ABOUT THE HOLY SPIRIT

The Holy Spirit is co-equal with the Father and the Son of God. He is present in the world to make men aware of their need for Jesus Christ. He also lives in every Christian from the moment of salvation. The baptism of the Holy Spirit, or fullness of the Spirit is given to the believer after salvation and it empowers them with supernatural strength and gifts. There is a difference between having the Holy Spirit in salvation and the FULLNESS of the Holy Spirit’s baptism. We do affirm that often gifts may be present when the fullness comes. Yet, we believe the primary evidence of this fullness is the fruit of the Spirit which cannot be ultimately faked or counterfeited. He provides the Christian with power for living, understanding of spiritual truth, and guidance in doing what is right. As Christians, we seek to live under His control daily and the fullness of the Spirit makes that a real possibility.

2 Corinthians 3:17; John 16:7-13, 14:16,17; Acts 1:8; 1 Corinthians 2:12, 3:16;
Ephesians 1:13; Galatians 5:25; Ephesians 5:18



4. ABOUT THE BIBLE

The Bible is God's Word to us. It was written by human authors, under the supernatural guidance of the Holy Spirit. It is the supreme source of truth for Christian beliefs and living. Because it is inspired by God, it is the truth of God containing all we need for life and godliness and is to be taken as preserved by God without any mixture of error.

2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:20,21; 2 Timothy 1:13;
Psalm 119:105,160, 12:6; Proverbs 30:5

5. ABOUT HUMAN BEINGS

People are made in the spiritual image of God, to be like Him in character. People are the supreme object of God's creation. Although every person has tremendous potential for good, all of us are marred by an attitude of disobedience toward God called "sin". This attitude separates people from God and causes many problems in life.

Genesis 1:27; Psalm 8:3-6; Isaiah 53:6a; Romans 3:23; Isaiah 59:1, 2

6. ABOUT SALVATION

Salvation is God's free gift to us but we must accept it. We can never make up for our sin by self-improvement or good works. Only by trusting in Jesus Christ as God's offer of forgiveness can anyone be saved from sin's penalty. When we turn from our self-ruled life and turn to Jesus in faith we are saved. It is only through Jesus' death on the cross and in trusting in that death that we can be restored to a right relationship to God. Each person must repent (turn away from his sins) and trust Christ to accept him. God has enabled us to turn to Him from sin but He has not and will not force us to do so. When we turn from sin and trust in Christ the old record of sin is wiped clean, and we become part of the family of God. Eternal life begins the moment one receives Jesus Christ into his life by faith.

Gen 2:16-17; John 1:12; Gal 6:7-8; Isa 55:6-7; Acts 17:30-31; Acts 13:39; Titus 3:4-7; Gal 4:4-7;
Romans 6:23; Ephesians 2:8,9; John 14:6, 1:12; Titus 3:5; Galatians 3:26; Romans 5:1;
Romans 6:23; Isa 53:5-6

7. ABOUT THE HOLY LIFE

After we turn from our sin and trust Christ to save us we have the Holy Spirit but the Father's plan is for us to be filled with the Holy Spirit. When we make a complete commitment to him (consecration) He cleanses our spirit (Entire sanctification or Holy Spirit Baptism) fills us with perfect love and gives us the power to live victoriously over sin. A Christian who is full of the Holy Spirit will evidence this by the fruit of the spirit evidenced in holy living and will turn away from sin.

Mat. 3:11; 22:37-40; 1John 4:17-18

8. ABOUT THE CHURCH

The Church is the active body of Christ in the world today. It is called together by the Holy Spirit, through the Word, for the purpose of fulfilling God's plan for this world.
1Cor 12:12-31; Eph 5:25



9. ABOUT BAPTISM

Baptism is a testimony and sign of one's choice to follow Christ. We urge people to be baptized as Christians.

Matt 28:16-20; Acts 2:37-41

10. ABOUT THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Lord's supper is a memorial and sign of Christ's death in our behalf and it should be celebrated by those who follow Christ.

Matt 26:26-29; 1Cor 11:23-32

11. ABOUT HEALING

God can and does heal people. We pray for healing. We anoint with oil and pray for healing as stated in James 5. We also believe fully that God can and does work through medical science. Luke was a physician and Paul suggested medical remedies to Timothy.

2Cor 12:7-10; James 5:13-16; Col 4:14, 1Tim 5:23

12. ABOUT CHRIST'S RETURN

The Bible teaches that Jesus is coming again and after that everyone will face the judgment of God with its punishments and rewards. People were created to exist forever. We will either exist eternally separated from God by sin, or eternally with God through forgiveness and salvation. To be eternally separated from God is Hell. To be eternally in union with Him is eternal life. Heaven and Hell are real places of eternal existence.

John 14:1-2; 1Thes 4:13-18; Mat 25:31-46; Rev 20:11-15; John 3:16; John 14:17; Romans 6:23; Romans 8:17-18; Revelation 20:15; 1 Cor. 2:7-9