

Statement of Faith

We believe the Bible is the eternal, inspired Word of God - the final authority that will judge us on the Last Day. 2 Timothy 3:16-17, John 12:48

We believe there is only one true and living God, manifested as Father, Son and Holy Ghost the eternal Godhead. Deuteronomy 6:4, Isaiah 43:10, Luke 3:22, 1 John 5:7

We believe Jesus Christ was born of a virgin and is Emmanuel ("God with us", the Messiah). Isaiah 7:14, Matthew 1:22-23, John 1:14

We believe there is only one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus. John 14:6, 1 Timothy 2:5

We believe Jesus Christ is the head of the church, and that the name of Jesus is the only name God has exalted and given to the church, and the only name to which the Spirit bears witness. Colossians 1:18, Acts 4:12, Matthew 3:16-17; 28:19, Acts 2:38, Colossians 3:17, Philippians 2:9

We believe Jesus died for our sins, rose again the third day, ascended on high, and is now seated at the right hand of God, and that God has made Jesus both Lord and Christ. 1 Corinthians 15:3-4, Ephesians 4:8-10, Hebrews 1:3, Acts 2:36

We believe in repenting and turning away from sin, in being baptized in water for the circumcision of the heart, in the in-filling of the Holy Ghost and speaking in other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance and the prayer of faith for healing. Acts 2:38, Colossians 2:11, Mark 16:17-18, James 5:14-15

We believe Jesus Christ will return to this earth in bodily form; and at His coming there will be a resurrection of the dead when our corruptible bodies shall be changed into an eternal, incorruptible body. Acts 1:9-11, 1 Corinthians 15:51-53

We believe at the Lord's coming, Christ shall judge both the living and the dead, and He shall reward the righteous and punish the wicked. 2 Timothy 4:1, Acts 10:42

This statement of faith is not exhaustive; however, it is our intention that other doctrines, principles, convictions, corrections, or instructions that we embrace should be derived solely from the Holy Bible.

Social Issues

The Bible explicitly states that marriage is ordained by God between one man and one woman ... and that is what we believe.

The Bible explicitly states that children are to obey and honor their parents, and to do otherwise is to commit sin ... and that is what we believe.

The Bible explicitly states that husbands are commanded by God to love their wives "as their own bodies;" that he who does not provide for his home has denied the faith and is worse than an infidel; that wives are commanded to submit to their husbands as unto the Lord; and that women should learn to love their husbands and children and be good housekeepers ... and that is what we believe.

The Bible explicitly states that adultery, fornication, and the inward act of lust are sins that will be punished by eternal damnation ... and that is what we believe.

The Bible explicitly states that divorce is hated by God and is not to be practiced except in circumstances involving fornication. However, it is clearly stated that if unbelieving spouses depart, believers are not bound in such cases ... and that is what we believe.

The Bible explicitly states that abortion is considered murder and murder is a sin that will be punished by eternal damnation ... and that is what we believe.

The Bible explicitly states that homosexuality dishonors of the human body; is the result of turning away from God; is an abomination to God; and is a sin that will be punished by eternal damnation ... and that is what we believe.

The Bible explicitly states that alcoholic beverages ("wine" or "strong drink") cause your heart to forget the word of God and to lust; that alcoholic beverages have a deceptive quality; and that drunkards [those who get intoxicated (this would include the use of drugs)] shall not inherit the kingdom of God ... and that is what we believe.

The Bible explicitly states that government leaders are ministers of God and that God commands us to honor them, to pray for them, and to pay government taxes. The Bible also states that righteousness exalts a nation ... and that is what we believe.

The Bible explicitly states that there is a time and a season for war; that there will always be wars and rumors of wars; and that governments ("rulers"), as ministers of God, bear weapons in order to execute "wrath upon him that doeth evil" ... and that is what we believe.

The Bible explicitly states that poverty, hunger, and sickness are inevitable and constant troubles of

man; however, Jesus taught that we as individuals should love our neighbor as ourselves, and among other things this means giving to the poor, feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, comforting the sick, visiting those who are in prison, and performing all other such acts of personal generosity and compassion ... and that is what we believe.

The Bible explicitly states that the earth is given to man by God and is to be dominated by man; that the animals of the earth were and are given to man for consumption and use; that worshipping creatures and/or the creation is a sin that will be punished by eternal damnation; and that the earth will be destroyed by fire the day Christ returns ... and that is what we believe.