

Statement of Beliefs

The Bible

We believe the Bible is inspired by God.

2 Timothy 3:14-17; 2 Peter 1:20-21

God

We believe the Godhead is eternally co-equal and co-existent in three persons, not three Gods but one; the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Genesis 1:26; Mark 12:29; Deuteronomy 6:4; Matthew 28:19

Jesus Christ

We believe that Jesus Christ was conceived of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

Luke 1:30-35; John 1:1; Hebrews 2:9-16; Hebrews 1:5-12

The Resurrection

We believe in the Bodily resurrection of all the dead.

Daniel 12:2; Romans 8:34; Mark 12:36; Mark 14:62; 1 Corinthians 15:3-4; Phillipians 2:8-11; Acts 2:33; Luke 22:69; Hebrews 8:1; Revelation 20:11-15

Lordship

We confess the Lord Jesus Christ and no other, as Head of the Church, and as our Lord.

Ephesians 1:22-23; Colossians 1:18-24

The Return of Christ

We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ will manifest Himself in glory, majesty, and power and in physical form. This is the second coming of Christ and the blessed hope of the Church.

Matthew 24:30; Luke 21:27; 1 Corinthians 15:51-53; 2 Thessalonians 1:7-10; Revelation 22:7; Revelation 1:7; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

The Fall

Every individual has sinned and is guilty before God.

Romans 3:10; Ephesians 2:8-10

Redemption

The Lord Jesus Christ, by His life, death, resurrection, and ascension, has made available to all mankind the forgiveness of sins and eternal life.

John 3:16; Romans 8:8-13; 2 Timothy 1:9; Titus 3:4-7; Titus 2:11

The New Birth

We believe in the work of the Holy Spirit in the New Birth, which makes a repentant sinner a child of God being baptized by the Holy Spirit into the Body of Christ.

Romans 6:3; John 1:11-13; 2 Corinthians 5:17; John 3:3-8; 1 Peter 1:22-25; 1 Corinthians 12:13

The Church

We believe that the true Church consists of the community of true believers in the Lord Jesus Christ, who by faith have had their sins forgiven and been regenerated by the Holy Spirit.

Hebrews 12:23-24; 1 John 1:7; Ephesians 3:3-10; 1 Corinthians 1:9; Ephesians 4:3-6, 13; 1 Corinthians 10:32

Baptism

We believe in the baptism, by immersion, of believers only.

Matthew 28:19; Matthew 3:13-17; Acts 2:38-41; Acts 10:47; Hebrews 10:22; Acts 8:36-39; 1 Peter 3:21

The Lord's Supper

We believe in the Breaking of Bread as commanded by our Lord Jesus Christ and as practiced by the Early Church.

1 Corinthians 10:16-17; Acts 20:7; Corinthians 11:23-32

Baptism in the Holy Spirit

We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ is the Baptizer in the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 3:11; Acts 10:44-46; Acts 1:4-8; Acts 8:14-17; Acts 11:14-16; Acts 2:32-33; Acts 15:7-9

Healing

We believe in the gifts of healing and that God still, in our day, heals the sick.

Mark 16:16-18; Matthew 8:16-17; 1 Corinthians 12:9; James 5:14-15

Spiritual Gifts

We believe that God has never removed the gifts referred to in *1 Corinthians chapters 12, 13, and 14* and that whenever the Holy Spirit moves upon the church in power, these gifts are manifested.

Priesthood of Believers

Each individual believer has full and equal access to God through our Lord Jesus Christ, as a believer-priest.

1 Peter 2:1-9; Revelation 5:9-10; Revelation 1:6

The Ministry

The ascended Christ has given various ministries to the Church and each of these exists for the strengthening of and is for the equipping of God's people to do the work of the ministry.

Ephesians 4:11; 1 Corinthians 12:28; and elsewhere

Miracles

We believe in miracles, both as recorded in the Bible, and as being possible in the present day.

John 14:12; 1 Corinthians 12:10

Judgment

We believe that both the living and the dead will be judged, it being understood that the believer's condemnation was born of our Lord Jesus Christ in the redemptive work.

John 5:24, 28-29; Revelation 20:11-15

Marriage

We believe that God created marriage to be exclusively the union of one man and one woman.

We believe that God commanded that no intimate sexual activity be engaged outside of marriage between a man and a woman. We believe that any form of homosexuality, lesbianism, bisexuality, bestiality, incest, fornication, adultery, and pornography are sinful perversions of God's gift of sex. We believe that same-sex marriages are in complete contradiction to God's Word and are an abomination in the sight of God.

Genesis 1:27; Genesis 2:21-24, 19:5, 26:8-9; Hebrews 13:4; 1 Corinthians 5:1, 6:9, 7:3-5; Leviticus 18:1-30; Romans 1:26-29; 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8

Gender

We believe scripture is clear God created two genders in His image. While some people experience body dysphoria and gender confusion for any number of spiritual, mental, emotional, or social reasons, we believe a person's birth gender is no mistake nor should ever be changed for any reason.

Genesis 1:26