

DOCTRINAL STATEMENT

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

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 the 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; Colossians 1:15-18

ABOUT THE HOLY SPIRIT

The Holy Spirit is co-equal with God 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. He provides the Christian with power for living, understanding of spiritual truths, and guidance in doing what is right. He gives every believer a spiritual gift when they are saved. As Christians we seek to live under His control daily.

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

ABOUT THE BIBLE

The Bible is God's Word. It was written by human authors, under the supernatural guidance and inspiration of the Holy Spirit. It is the supreme source of truth and standard for Christian beliefs and living. The Bible is inspired by God, and is therefore truth without any mixture of error.

2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:20-21; Proverbs 30:5; Psalm 119:105

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

ABOUT SALVATION

Salvation is God's free gift to us, but we must accept it. We can never make up for our sins 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. Eternal life begins at the moment one receives Jesus Christ into his life by faith.

Romans 6:23; Ephesians 2:8-9; John 14:6, 1:12; Titus 3:5; Galatians 3:26; Romans 5:1

ABOUT ETERNAL SECURITY

God gives us eternal life through Jesus Christ, the true believer is secure in that salvation for eternity. If one has been genuinely saved, he cannot lose it. Salvation is maintained by the grace and power of God, not by the self-effort of the Christian. It is the grace and keeping power of God that gives us this security.

John 10:29; 2 Timothy 1:12; Hebrews 7:25, 10:10-14; I Peter 1:3-5

ABOUT ETERNITY

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 (eternal death). To be eternally in union with Him is heaven (eternal life). Heaven and Hell are real places of eternal existence.

John 3:16; I John 5:11-13; Romans 6:23

ORDINANCES OF THE CHURCH

We believe the Lord Jesus Christ has committed two ordinances to the local church: Baptism and the Lord's Supper. We believe Christian baptism is the immersion of a believer in water in to the name of the triune God, symbolic of our union with Christ in His death, burial and resurrection. We believe the Lord's Supper was instituted by Christ for believers in commemoration of His death on their behalf. We believe that these two ordinances should be observed and administered until Christ's return.

Matthew 28:19; Acts 2:41-42; Romans 6:4; Colossians 2:12; 1 Corinthians 11:23-32

THE SECOND COMING OF CHRIST

We believe in the personal, premillennial, and visible return of the Lord Jesus Christ to earth and the establishment of His Kingdom. We believe in the resurrection of the body, the final judgment, the everlasting joy of the saved, and the endless suffering of the lost.

John 5:28-29; 1 Thessalonians 1:10, 4:13-18; 2 Thessalonians 1:8-10;
Revelation 1:7, 20:1