



STATEMENT OF FAITH DOCTRINAL STATEMENT

Believing the Bible to be the inspired, infallible Word of God and the final source of authority in matters of faith, principle and practice (II Timothy 3:16-17), we abide by the following statements of faith:

Section I. Holy Scriptures

We believe in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments (66 books) as verbally inspired of God, inerrant in the original writings, and of supreme and final authority in faith and life (II Timothy 3:16-17; II Peter 1:20-21; John 10:35; Matthew 5:18).

Section II. Holy Trinity

We believe in one Triune God, eternally existing in three persons—Father, Son and Holy Spirit—co-eternal in being, co-identical in nature, and co-equal in power and glory, all having the same attributes and perfections (Genesis 1:1, 26; 11:7; Deuteronomy 6:4; Isaiah 6:8, Matthew 28:19-20; John 17:1-5; Acts 5:3,4; II Corinthians 13:14; Hebrews 1:8; I Corinthians 8:6; I John 5:7; Isaiah 45:22).

Section III: Jesus Christ

We believe that Jesus Christ, the Eternal Word, is the only begotten Son of God who, retaining His divine nature, became a man. He lived a sinless life so that He might be the perfect Redeemer for mankind. We believe that He was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, and is the true God-Man. We believe in His vicarious (on behalf of the others) and substitutionary (in place of others) atonement of the penalty of man's sin. We believe in His bodily resurrection for our justification, His ascension into heaven, and His personal pretribulational and premillennial return. We believe that Jesus Christ is at the right hand of the Father as the believer's advocate, intercessor and mediator (John 1:1, 14, 3:16; Galatians 4:4; II Corinthians 5:21; Matthew 1; Luke 2; Philippians 2; I Peter 1:19; 2:24; 3:18; I Corinthians 15:4; Acts 1:11; I John 2:1).

Section IV: Holy Spirit

We believe that the Holy Spirit is a divine person, the third Person of the blessed Trinity, co-equal with the Father and the Son. Relative to the world, the Holy Spirit restrains sin, convicts of the sin and reproves of righteousness and judgment (II Thessalonians 2:6,7; John 16:8-11). Relative to the believer, He regenerates, indwells (I Corinthians 6:19,20), seals (Ephesians 1:13-14), indwells (Ephesians 5:18), guides and illuminates (John 14:26), quickens (Romans 8:11), and sanctifies (Titus 3:5,6).

