

statement of faith

BIBLE

We believe that the King James Bible is the Word of God for the English-speaking people. It being the inspired, inerrant, infallible, preserved Word of God. (II Tim. 3:16; Heb. 6:18b; Ps. 119:160; Ps. 12:6, 7)

GOD

We believe that there is one living and true God, Creator of all things, and infinitely perfect and eternally existing in three Persons: Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit, co-equal in being, nature and having the same divine attributes, but differing in their manifestation of work. (Deu. 6:4; I Jn. 5:7)

THE PERSON AND WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

We believe that the Holy Spirit is a divine person co-equal with God the Father and God the Son Who convicts the world of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment; and, that He is the Supernatural Agent in regeneration, baptizing all believers into the body of Christ, indwelling and sealing them unto the day of redemption (John 16:8-11; Rom. 8:9; I Cor. 12:12-14; 2 Cor. 3:6; Eph. 1:13-14).

We believe that the sign gifts of the Holy Spirit, such as speaking in tongues and the gift of healing, (I Cor. 12:8-10) were temporary. We believe that speaking in tongues was never the common or necessary sign of the baptism or filling of the Holy Spirit and that ultimate deliverance of the body from sickness or death awaits the consummation of our salvation in the resurrection, though God frequently chooses to answer the prayers of believers for physical healing. (I Cor. 1:22; 13:8; 14:21-22).

JESUS CHRIST

We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ, the Eternal Son of God became man, conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin, Mary. As God, Jesus inherited no sin nature making Him the perfect sacrifice for mankind, thus making Him the Savior. (Mat. 1:18-25; Heb. 10:5-10)

MAN

We believe that man was created in the image and likeness of God. He is a trichotomy being. Through Adam, sin and death entered the world and passed upon all men. (Gen. 1:26-27; Rom. 5:12-19)

SALVATION

We believe that because of the fall of mankind and the penalty being death both physically and spiritually, God provided the deliverance from this spiritual death in hell by the Deliverer, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Salvation comes by repentance toward God and faith in the finished work of the substitutionary death and the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ. (Rom. 5:8, 12; Acts 20:21; Col. 1:14)

CHURCH

We believe that the local church is an organized, autonomous assembly of immersed believers having New Testament officers, practicing New Testament ordinances and actively engaged in carrying out the "Great Commission". (Eph. 1:19-23; I Cor. 15:51- 53; Acts 20:17-28; Mat. 28: 19-20)

RAPTURE

We believe in the imminent return of Jesus Christ and the pretribulation rapture. (I Thes. 4:13-18; I Cor. 15:51- 53)

SEPARATION

We believe we are to avoid, withdraw, receive not, come out from among those who walk contrary to the Word of God and are not of like precious faith. Examples: Disobedient brethren, W.C.C., liberals, and all forms of ecumenical and charismatic movements. (Rom. 16:17-18; I Tim. 6:3-5; II Thes. 3:6; II Jn. 10-11; I Cor. 6:17-18)