

DOCTRINAL STATEMENT

The Word of God

I believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the inspired Word of God, inerrant in the original writings, complete as the revelation of God's will for salvation, and the supreme and final authority in all matters to which they speak.

The Trinity

I believe in one God, Creator and Sustainer of all things, eternally existing in three persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; that they are equal in every divine perfection and that they each hold distinct functional offices that are harmonious with each other in the work of creation, providence, and redemption.

God The Father

I believe in God the Father who is infinite, personal and, who is perfect in every way, including holiness, wisdom, power, and love. He concerns Himself in the affairs of men and women, hears and answers prayers, and saves all people from sin and death who come to Him through a saving relationship in Jesus Christ.

Jesus Christ

I believe that Jesus Christ is God's eternal Son, and that He has precisely the same nature, attributes, and perfections as God the Father and God the Holy Spirit. He is not only true God, but true man, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. I believe He lived a sinless life, in substitutionary atonement, His bodily resurrection from the dead, His ascension into heaven, His priestly intercession on behalf of His people, and His personal, visible, premillennial return from heaven.

Holy Spirit

I believe in the Holy Spirit, His personality and His work in regeneration, sanctification, preservation, and intercession. His ministry is to glorify the Lord Jesus Christ and implement Christ's work of redeeming the lost and empowering the believer for godly living and service.

Humanity

I believe God created humanity in the image of God and free from sin. I further believe all people are sinners by nature and choice, and are spiritually dead away from a saving relationship with Jesus Christ.

Salvation

I believe in salvation by grace through faith in Jesus Christ. This salvation is based upon the sovereign grace of God, and was purchased by Christ on the cross, and is received through faith apart from any human merit, works, or ritual. I believe that salvation should be reflected through righteous living, good works, and social concern for those that are poor, oppressed, or in need.

The Church

I believe that the church is the spiritual body of which Christ is the head, and is composed of all people who through saving faith in Jesus Christ have been regenerated by the Holy Spirit. This body of people expresses itself in local assemblies whose members have been immersed upon a credible confession of faith and have associated themselves for worship, instruction, evangelism, and service. I believe in baptism, preferably by immersion, and the Lord's Supper.

Separation of Church and State

I believe that each local church is self-governing in function and must be free from interference by any political authority. I also believe all people are directly responsible to God in matters of faith and life, and they should be free to worship God according to their conscience.

Christian Conduct

I believe that the supreme task of every believer is to glorify God in life and conduct, and be blameless before the world. Each Christian should be a faithful steward of all their possessions, and seek to mature in every area of life through Christ.

Last Things

I believe in the bodily resurrection of the saved and lost, the eternal existence of all people in either heaven or hell, in divine judgments, rewards, and punishments.