



Statement of Faith

The Bible - is God's written revelation to man, and thus the sixty six books of the Bible given to us by the Holy Spirit constitute the plenary (inspired equally in all parts) Word of God. It is an objective, propositional revelation, verbally inspired in every word, absolutely inerrant in the original documents, infallible, and God breathed.

God the Father - There is but one living and true God, an infinite, all knowing Spirit, perfect in all His attributes, one in essence, eternally existing in three Persons; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, each equally deserving worship and obedience. God the Father, the first Person of the Trinity, orders and disposes all things according to His own purpose and grace. He is the Creator of all things and sustainer of the universe and sovereign in creation, providence, and redemption saving from sin and adopting as His own all who come to Him through Jesus Christ.

The Lord Jesus Christ - was virgin born and at His incarnation, accepted all the essential characteristics of humanity surrendered only the prerogatives of deity, but nothing of the divine essence. All things were created by God the Father through His Son, Jesus Christ, by whom all things continue in existence and in operation. He redeemed all believers through the shedding of His blood and sacrificial death on the cross, and His literal, physical resurrection from the dead, and He will return to receive the church (His Body), unto Himself at the rapture, return with His church in glory, establish His millennial kingdom on earth, and judge all mankind.

The Holy Spirit - is a divine Person, eternal, underived, possessing all the attributes of personality and deity and in all the divine attributes He is coequal and consubstantial with the Father and the Son. It is the work of the Holy Spirit to execute the divine will with relation to all mankind. The broad scope of His divine activity includes convicting the world of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment; glorifying the Lord Jesus Christ and transforming believers into the image of Christ. He is the supernatural and sovereign Agent in regeneration, baptizing all believers into the Body of Christ, indwelling, sanctifying, instructing, empowering them for service, and sealing them unto the day of redemption. Every believer possesses the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit from the moment of salvation, and it is the duty of all those born of the Spirit to be filled with (controlled by) the Spirit.

Man - was directly and immediately created by God in His image and likeness free of sin with a rational nature, intelligence, volition, self determination, and moral responsibility to God, to glorify God, enjoy God's fellowship, live his life in the will of God, and by this accomplish God's purpose for man in the world. Because all men were in Adam, a nature corrupted by Adam's sin has been transmitted to all men of all ages. Mankind thus lost innocence; incurred the penalty of spiritual and physical death; became subject to the wrath of God; and became inherently corrupt and utterly incapable of choosing or doing that which is acceptable to God apart from divine grace.

The Church - All who place their faith in Jesus Christ are immediately placed by the Holy Spirit into one united spiritual Body, the church, the bride of Christ, of which Christ is the Head. The formation of the church began on the Day of Pentecost and will be completed at the coming of Christ for His own at the rapture, and members of the one spiritual Body are directed to associate themselves together in local assemblies. The purpose of the church is to glorify God by building itself up in the faith, by instruction of the Word, by fellowship, by keeping the ordinances of baptism and the Lord's Supper, and by advancing and communicating the gospel to the entire world. In order to cooperate with God as

He accomplishes His purpose in the world the church has been given spiritual gifts including; men chosen for the purpose of equipping the saints for the work of the ministry, and unique and special non-revelatory spiritual abilities to each member of the Body of Christ.

Salvation - is wholly of God by grace on the basis of the redemption of Jesus Christ, the merit of His shed blood, and not on the basis of human merit or works. Once saved a believer is kept by God's power and thus secure in Christ forever

Regeneration - is a supernatural work of the Holy Spirit by which the divine nature and divine life are given. It is instantaneous and is accomplished solely by the power of the Holy Spirit through the instrumentality of the Word of God, when the repentant sinner, as enabled by the Holy Spirit, responds in faith to the divine provision of salvation.

Sanctification - At the time of salvation every believer is positionally sanctified (set apart) unto God by justification, declared to be holy and identified as a saint. Through obedience to the Word of God and the empowering of the Holy Spirit, the believer is progressively sanctified / enabled to live a life of increasing holiness in conformity to the will of God, becoming more and more like our Lord Jesus Christ.

Eternity - After the closing of the millennium, the temporary release of Satan, and the judgment of unbelievers, the saved will enter the eternal state of glory with God, after which the elements of this earth are to be dissolved and replaced with a new earth wherein only righteousness dwells forever and ever.