

Statement of Faith

The following has been extracted from the constitution of the church

The fundamental teachings of this congregation are reflected in the following statements of faith which do not constitute a creed: - (Where the Bible speaks we speak and where the Bible is silent we are silent.)

A. We believe that the Holy Scriptures (Bible) as originally given is the absolute inspired Word of God. We believe that the Scriptures are infallible, inerrant, and the sole and final authority for all matters of faith and conduct. (2 Timothy 3:16, 2 Peter 1:20-21)

B. We believe in the eternal God-Head who has revealed Himself as one God existing in three Persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. (Genesis 1:26; Matthew 28:19; 2 Corinthians 13:14; Colossians 2:9; 1 Peter 1:2; 1 John 5:5-8)

C. We believe in the creation, test and fall of man as recorded in Genesis; his total spiritual depravity and inability to attain to Divine righteousness. (Romans 5:12-19)

D. We believe in the LORD JESUS CHRIST, the Saviour of the world conceived of the Holy Spirit, born to the Virgin Mary, very God and very Man. (Isaiah 7:14, 9:6; Matthew 1:23; Luke 1:26-35; John 1:14; Philippians 2:5-8) We believe in his sinless life, miraculous ministry, substitutionary atoning sacrificial death and abiding intercession. (Luke 24:39; Acts 2:22-36, 10:38; Romans 8:34; 1 Corinthians 15:3-4; 2 Corinthians 5:21; Ephesians 4:8-10; 1 Peter 2:22; Hebrews 7:25-27, 9:11-12)

E. We believe Christ died for our sins, was buried and was bodily resurrected from the dead on the third day and personally appeared to His disciples. (Romans 4:23-25; 1 Corinthians 15:1-4)

F. We believe in the bodily ascension of Jesus to heaven, His exaltation to the right hand of God the Father and personal, literal and bodily coming again the second time for His Church. (John 14:2-3; Acts 1:9, 2:33; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18)

G. We believe in the salvation of sinners by grace, through repentance and faith in the perfect and sufficient work of the cross of Calvary by which we obtain remission of sins and liberty from bondage originating in Satan. (Romans 5:9-11; Ephesians 2:1-10; Hebrews 9:12; 1 John 5:10-13)

H. We believe in the necessity of water baptism, by immersion, in the Name of the Eternal God-head to fulfil the command of the Lord Jesus Christ. (Matthew 28:19; Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38, 8:34-39, 10:47-48, 16:30-34, 19:1-6; Romans 6:3-6; Colossians 2:11-12; 1 Peter 3:18-22)

I. We believe in the baptism of the Holy Spirit as a real experience at/or subsequent to salvation, with scriptural evidence. (Mark 16:17-18; Luke 24:49; Acts 1:4-5, 2:1-4, 2:38-39, 4:29-33, 8:14-17, 10:44-46, 19:1-6)

J. We believe in the operation of the Gifts of the Spirit as enumerated in Romans 12:6-8 and 1 Corinthians 12:1-11, 12:31-14:40 as manifested in the early church. (Romans 1:11, 11:29; 1 Timothy 4:14)

K. We believe in the Spirit-filled life, a life that places us in the world physically but not of it in the spiritual sense and perfecting holiness in the fear of God as expressing the true Christian Faith. (2 Corinthians 6:14, 7:1; Ephesians 5:18; 1 Peter 1:15-17, 2:9, 3:15)

L. We believe in the healing of the body and whole person by Divine power, or Divine healing in its varied aspects as practised in the Early Church. (Matthew 8:14-17; Acts 3:6-16, 4:30, 19:11-12; 1 Corinthians 12:9, 12:28; James 5:14-16; 1 Peter 2:24; Isaiah 53:4-6)

M. We believe in the table of the Lord, commonly called the communion or the Lord's supper, for believers. (Matthew 26:26-29; Luke 22:15-20; John 6:47-58; 1 Corinthians 10: 14-17, 11:23-32)

N. We believe in the HOLY SPIRIT, the Third Person of the Godhead, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, and is ever present and active in the work of convicting and regenerating the sinner, and sanctifying and guiding the believer into all truth. (John 14:26, 16:7-11; 1 Corinthians 6:11; 2 Corinthians 3:17-18; Romans 8:14-17, 8:26-27; Titus 3:4-7; 1 Peter 1:2)

O. We believe the devil is both real and personal and appointed to eternal judgement in the lake of Fire along with his fallen angels. (Matthews 25:41; Revelations 20:14-15)

P. We believe in the eternal life for believers (John 3:16-18, 5:24, 12:24-25, 17:3; 1 John 5:11-13) and eternal punishment for unbelievers. (Luke 16:19-31; Mark 9:43-48; Revelations 20:10-15)

Q. We believe that there is one true universal Church made up of born again Christians, but this one universal church is also composed of many local churches in given localities. These Churches are under the sovereign Headship of the Lord Jesus Christ, exercising autonomous government under Him, administering all its local affairs and ministry as well as the propagation of the gospel. (Matthew 16:18, 18:15-20; Acts 15:22; Ephesians 1:22-23; Hebrews 12:22-23)

R. We believe in parents consecrating themselves and their children to the Lord, for the purpose of God's blessing, protection and anointing. (Genesis 28:9; Deuteronomy 6:6-7; Proverbs 22:6,15; Isaiah 54:13; Matthew 18:10; Mark 10:13-16; Luke 2:22, 18:15-17)

S. We believe that Government is ordained as ministers of God to us for good. To resist the powers and ordinances is to resist the ordinance of God. We are subject not only for wrath sake but for conscience sake, rendering to all their dues, custom to whom custom, fear to whom fear, honour to whom honour. 'We declare our loyalty to our Government and its leaders and will assist in every way possible consistent with our faith in the Scriptures as Christian citizens. (Romans 13:1-7; 1 Timothy 2:1-4; Titus 3:1-2; 1 Peter 2:13-17)

For more information on our beliefs, feel free to contact the church.