



Changing Lives and Equipping God's Children for the
Great Commission

STATEMENT OF FAITH

What We Believe

I. Holy Bible

We believe the Holy Bible to be the inspired Word of God in the original languages of scripture. God inhaled to the writers all that He wanted mankind to know. (2 Timothy 3:16-17) This means that God inhaled the scriptures by the agent of the Holy Spirit to the original writers, who without putting in their own ideas (2 Peter 1:20-21), accurately recorded (exhaled) all that God inhaled to them.

II. Trinity

We believe in God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. We also believe the attributes of God to include the following: sovereignty, absolute righteousness, justice, love, eternal life, omniscience, omnipresence, omnipotence, immutability, and veracity. The Trinity therefore shares these attributes, but have distinct personalities, and functions. God the Father designed the eternal plan. God the Son fulfilled it, and God the Holy Spirit revealed it. (John 6:38; Heb 10:7; John 16:13; Deut. 6:4, Matt 28:19)

III. The Total Depravity of Man

We believe that in the original creation Adam was not only created in the likeness of God but was created perfect. Adam sinned through disobedience and through him sin entered the human race causing the entire race to be separated from God. (Gen 1:26-27; Gen 3:6-15; Ps 51:5; Rom 3:23; Rom 5:12)

IV. God the Father

We believe that God the Father is the father, and in His master's grace initiated a plan for redemption and reconciliation through the person of Jesus Christ (John 6:38; Heb 10:7; Eph 1:11; 1 Cor 8:6).

V. God the Son - Jesus Christ

We believe that the second person of the Trinity, Jesus Christ, became a true man by

means of a virgin birth and without disposition of His attribute as God. He humbled himself even to the point of going to the cross as a substitutionary sacrifice so that He might provide salvation to everyone who comes to the Father through Him. (Phil 2:5-7; John 3:16; 3:36; 14:6; Acts 4:12)

VI. God the Holy Spirit

a. We believe that the Holy Spirit as the third member of the Trinity indwells and teaches every believer in the Lord Jesus Christ (John 14:17; 14:26).

b. We believe in the ministry of God the Holy Spirit, namely, convicting of sin (John 16:8), baptism into the body of Christ (I Cor 12:13), sealing of the believer until the day of redemption (Eph 1:13; 4:30), indwelling of every believer (James 4:5; II Tim 1:14), filling of the believer's soul when he has no unconfessed sins (I John 1:9; Acts 4:31), (teaching (John 14:26), guiding of the believer through God's Word (John 16:13) and comforting of all the saints (John 14:16, 26; 15:26).

VII. Salvation

We believe that salvation is a grace gift from God. Man receives this gift by means of faith alone in the Lord Jesus Christ, at which time God the Father credits His perfect righteousness to the individual resulting in acquittal of all condemnation; causing justification and reconciliation forever on the basis of grace (Acts 16:31; John 1:12; 3:16, 18; 5:24; Eph 2:8, 9 Rom 3:22, 24, 26, 28 Gen 15:6).

VIII. The Eternal Security of Believers

We believe that all believers are eternally secured, i.e., salvation can not be lost when once received (Jude 24; Rom 8:31-39; John 6:37-40, 44, 47; 10:27-30; 1 Peter 1:5; 1 Cor 1:4-9).

IX. Divine Discipline

We believe that God ministers divine discipline to every believer who misuses His grace gift. Even though the believer is permanently secured and loved by God, the believer becomes the object of discipline in 3 categories.

1. Warning discipline: This type of discipline is not severe (1 Cor 11:30a). God ministers a warn-like discipline to alert the believer of His carnal state (Rev 3:19, 20).

2. Intense discipline: When the believer does not heed to the warning, God intensifies the suffering (Heb 12:6-11; 1 Cor 11:30b).

3. Dying discipline: God in His master's grace removes this individual from the face of the earth (11 Cor 5:8 without the person fulfilling the eternal plan of God (Prov 29:1; 1 John 5:16; 1 Cor 11:30c).

X. The Church

We believe that all believers regardless of race, color, or affiliation constitute the body of Christ which is the church. (1 Cor 12:12-14; Col 1:18; Eph 1:22-23; 5:25-27).

XI. The Local Church

a. We believe in the existence of local churches in which members in the body of Christ do assemble for the purpose of assimilation of Bible teaching so that the body of Christ may be edified (Acts 14:17; 20:17, 28-32; 1 Tim 3:1-13; Titus 1:5-11; 1 Cor 1:1-2).

b. We believe in the administration of the Holy Communion to the members of the body of Christ as a permanent meaningful ritual instituted by the Lord (I Cor 11:23-31; Matt 26:26-29; Luke 22:17-20).

c. We believe in freewill offering as a part of worship for the support of a local church and missionary activities (II Cor 9:6, 7 I Cor 9:13, 14 Gal 6:6; III John 1:1-8).

d. We believe that tithe is a system of taxation under the Mosaic Law, which is not part of the church, the age of grace (John 1:17; Rom 6:14; 10:4; Heb 7:12, 18).

XII. Satan

We believe that Satan is a real created being, the fallen angel, and a general in command of all other fallen angels. His main objective is to distract mankind from obeying and following the plan of God. His goal is to disprove God as a faithful, truthful, and just one. He is described as being crafty (Gen 3:1) and cunning (2 Cor 14). He masquerades himself and attacks the truth in every conceivable form. False teachings are his craftsmanship. Salvation by works is his masterpiece. (Gal 1:3; Acts 15:1-17; Job 1:6-7; Ezek. 28:14-18)

XIII. Free Will of Man

We believe that man is created to function with a free will (2 Peter 3:9; John 3:16, 18 Deut. 30:19, 20 Num 22).

XIV. The Destiny of Believers in Christ

We believe that rapture, which is imminent, will occur and the Lord Jesus Christ will gather all the believers in Christ both the dead and alive to meet Him in the air prior to the tribulation (1 Cor 15:51-57; 1 Thess. 4:13-18; Titus 2:11-15).

XV. The Great Tribulation

We believe that the great tribulation will be a time that follows immediately after the rapture. Satan will inflict the greatest suffering that mankind has ever experienced (Zech. 14:4-11; Matt 24:27-31; 2 Thess. 1:7-10; Rev 20:6).

XVI. The Second Coming of Christ

We believe that “The Great Tribulation will be climaxed by the pre-millennial return of the Lord Jesus Christ to earth to set up His kingdom” (Zech. 14:4-11; Matt 24:27-31; 1 Thess. 1:7-10; Rev 20:6).

XVII. The Eternal State

We believe that “the souls of those who have trusted in the Lord Jesus Christ for salvation do at death immediately pass into His presence (2 Cor 5:8; Luke 23:43; Phil 1:23) and there remain in conscious bliss until the resurrection of the body at His coming, when soul and body reunited, shall be associated with Him forever (1 Thess. 4:17). But the souls of unbelievers remain after death in conscious misery (Luke 16:19-26) until the final judgment of the great white throne at the close of the millennium, when soul and body reunited, shall be cast into the lake of fire, not to be annihilated, but to be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence and the glory of the Lord” (2 Thess. 1:7-9; Jude 6-7; Rev 20:11-15).

XVIII. Believers’ Duty

We believe that “All believers should seek to walk in such a manner as not to bring reproach upon their Lord and Savior which includes Biblical separation, though not isolation (1 Cor 5:9-13; Rom 12:1; Rom 14:13; 2 Cor 6:14-17); that it is the obligation

and the privilege of every believer to witness by life and by word to the truths of the holy Scripture and to seek to proclaim the gospel to all the world (Acts 1:8; 2 Cor 5:20); that it is the responsibility of all believers to remember the work of the Lord in prayer and support it with their means as the Lord has prospered them (1 Cor 16:2; 2 Cor 9:7).