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**The Godhead**

a) We believe that there is one, and only one true and living God. (I John 5:20), eternally existing in three persons - Father, Son, and the Holy Ghost - each co-eternal in being, co-identical in nature, co-equal in power and glory, have the same attributes and perfections. (Col 2:9; Deut. 6:4, Matt. 28:19, John 14\_10-26, II Cor. 13:14)

b) He is eternal, of infinite power, wisdom and goodness; the creator of all things, visible and invisible.  (Genesis 1:1)

**Jesus Christ**

a) We believe Jesus Christ to be the eternal Son of God (Hebrews 1:1-3) as well as God the Son (Hebrews 1:8)  who came in the flesh

    (John 1:14, Colossians 2:9) being born of Mary, a virgin, as no other man was ever born or can be born of woman. (Luke 1:35, Matthew 1:18-25).

b) He accomplished our redemption through His death on the cross as a representative, vicarious, substituionary sacrifice and that            our justification is made sure by His literal, physical resurrection from the dead. (Acts 2:18-36, Rom. 3:24-25, II Cor. 5:21, Eph. 1:7,

     I Peter 1:3-5, 2:24)

c) We believe His literal body was resurrected from the deal.

d) We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ ascended to Heaven and is now exalted at the right hand of God where, as our High Priest, He        fulfills the ministry of Representative, Intercessor and Advocate. (Acts 1:9-10, Rom. 8:34, Heb. 7:25, 9:24, I John 2:1-2)

e) He will personally return to earth. (Heb. 9:24, I John 2:1-2, Revel. 1:7)

**Holy Spirit**

a) We believe the Holy Spirit to be co-equal with the Father and the Son. (1 John 5:7)

b) He is a person. He is come as fulfillment of Christ's promise. (John 16:7)

c) He regenerates (John 3:3-5) He indwells (1 Cor, 6:19) He sanctifies (11 Thess. 2:13)  He seals (Eph. 1:13-14)  He fills (Eph. 5:18)

    He empowers (Romans 8:2) and He guides the believer. (Gal. 5:16-25)

d) We believe that God, in the person of the Holy Spirit, is sovereign in the bestowal of spiritual gifts to every believer.  He uniquely

    uses evangelists, pastors and teachers to equip believers in the assembly in order that they cad do the work of the ministry.

    (Rom. 12:3-8), 9ICor. 12:4-11, Eph. 4:7-12)

e) We believe that the sign gifts of the Holy Spirit, such as speaking in tongues and the gift of healing were temporary.  Speaking in tongues was never the common or necessary sign of the baptism or filling of the Holy Spirit.  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. (1 Cor. 1:22, 13:8, 14:21-22)

**Creation and Fall of Man**

a) We accept as true the Genesis account of the creation of man.

b) We believe that man came by direct creation of God and not by evolution. (Genesis 1:26-27)

c) We believe man sinned against God (Rom. 3:23, 5:12) and thereby incurred not only physical death (1Cor. 15:21-22) but also spiritual death which is not annihilation (Luke 16:23, Rev. 20:11-15)

d) We believe that all men are born with a sinful nature, totally depraved, and if they are not born again of the Spirit of God, are eternally lost. (Rom. 6:23, John 3:18)

**Salvation**

a) We believe that we are saved from our sins by grace (Eph. 2:8) through faith, and faith alone, by the shed blood of Jesus Christ.

    (Eph. 1:7)

b) We believe the believer who exercises saving faith in Christ possesses eternal life and is eternally secure.

c) We believe that all that are truly saved are kept by God the Father for Jesus Christ. (Phil. 1:6, John 10:28-29)

d) We believe that all sins, except blasphemy of the Holy Ghost, which is unbelief in His presentation of Jesus Christ as Savior of the World, are forgivable. (Matt. 12:31-32)

**Services**

a) We believe that every true Christian should apply his life in service for Jesus Christ.

b) Salvation is by grace through faith alone.

c) Works have no part or lot with being saved. (Rom. 3:20-21)

d) We are justified by faith in Jesus Christ. (Rom. 5:1)

e) Good works are an outgrowth of our salvation. (Eph. 2:10)

f) Grace teaches good works. (Titus 2:11-13)

g) We believe that every Christian will be judged according to deeds done in the body (11 Corin. 5:10) and over and above the gift of salvation, believers will receive rewards for all works that shall abide. (1 Corin. 3:12-15)

**Separation**

a) We believe that all the saved should live in such a manner as not to bring reproach upon their Savior and Lord.  God commands his people to separate from all religious Apostasy, all worldly and sinful pleasures, practices, and associations, and to refrain from       all immodest and immoderate appearances, piercing and bodily markings. (Lev. 10:28, Rom. 12:1-2,  14:13, I Corin. 6:14-7:1, Tim. 3:1-5, 11 John 9:11)

**World Wide Missions**

a) We believe that the entire church has been commissioned by the Lord Jesus Christ to be responsible in help in evangelizing every creature, at home and abroad, through the preaching of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

b) We believe we should immediately and continually, until Jesus returns, maintain, as we are able, a full missionary program that has as its supreme motive the winning of souls to Jesus Christ and the establishing of New Testament local churches. (Matt. 28:19-20, Acts 1:8)

**The Local Church**

a) We believe that a local church is a congregation of water immersed believers associated by covenant of faith and fellowship of the Word of God, observing the ordinances of Christ, governed by His laws, and exercising the gifts, rights and privileges invested in them by the Word of God.

b) We believe the local church officers are Pastors and deacons, whose qualifications, claims and duties are clearly defined in the Scriptures.

c) We believe the true mission of the church is faithful witnessing of Christ and The Word to all men as we have opportunity.

d) We believe the local church has the absolute right of self-government, free from the Interference of any hierarchy of individuals or organizations, and that the one and only head is Christ through the Holy Spirit.

e) We believe that it is scriptural for true Bible churches to cooperate with each other in contending for the faith and for the furtherance of the Gospel of Christ.

f) We believe each local church is the sole judge of the measure and method of its cooperation on all matters of membership, of policy, of government, of discipline, of benevolence, the will of the local church is final. (Acts 2:41-42), 1 Corin. 11:2, Eph. 4:44, Acts 20:17-28, 1 Tim. 3:17, Colo. 1:18, Eph. 5:23-33, Acts 15:13-18, 1 Peter 5:1-4, 11 Corin. 8:23-24, 1 Corin. 16:12, Malachi 3:10, and 1 Corin. 6:1-3)

**Ordinances**

a) We believe that Scriptural Baptism is the immersion in water of a born again believer in Christ unto the name of the Father. The Son and The Holy Ghost (Matt. 28:19-20) to show forth in a solemn and beautiful emblem of our faith in the crucified, buried, and risen Savior, with its effect in our death to sin and resurrection to newness of life. (Acts 8:36-39, Rom. 6:3-5)

b) We believe that the Lord's Supper is the commemoration of His death until He comes again and should be preceded by solemn self-examination by the believer.

c) We believe no person is qualified to have a part in either of these ordinances unless he has first been born again. (1 John 1:2,

    13)  The scriptural order being first baptism, and second the Lord's Supper.

**The Second Coming of Christ**

We believe in that blessed hope, the personal, imminent, pre millennial, pre-tribulational coming of the Lord Jesus Christ for His Redeemed ones in the rapture of the church; and in His subsequent return to earth with His saints at the end of the Tribulation Period to establish His millennial kingdom on this earth. (1 Thess. 4:13-18, Zech. 14:4-11, Rev. 19:11-16 and 20:1-6)

**The Eternal State**

a) We believe that there is a radical and essential difference between the righteous and the wicked (saved and lost) in their eternal state.

b) We believe that the souls of the redeemed are, at death absent from the body and present with the Lord, where in conscious bliss they await the first resurrection where the spirit, soul and body are reunited to be glorified forever with the Lord.

    (Luke 23:43, Rev. 20:4-6, 1 Thess. 4:16-17, 11 Corin. 5:8, Phill. 1:23)

c) We believe that the souls of unbelievers remain after death in conscious misery until the final judgment at the Great White Throne at the close of the millennium, when soul and body shall be reunited and shall be cast into the Lake of Fire, not to be annihilated, but to be punished forever. (Luke 16:19, 26, Rev. 20:12-15).

**Stewardship**

We believe that every true Christian should faithfully give of his or her income to God for the support of the local church and the spreading of the Gospel of Christ.  God owns all. (Col. 1:10-13) We are but his stewards. (1 Corin. 4:1-2) Our giving is not to be as a unto men (Matt. 6:1-4) but as an act of worship. (1 Corin. 16:1-3)

**The Personality of Satan**

a) We believe that Satan is a person, the author of sin and the cause of the Fall of Man; that he is the open and declared enemy of

    God and man; and that he shall be eternally punished in the Lake of Fire. (Job 1:6-7, Isa. 14:12-17, Matt 4:2-11, 25:41, Rev. 20:10)

**Civil Government**

a) We believe that Go has ordained and created all authority consisting of three (3) basic institutions; the home, the church and the state.  Every person is subject to these authorities, but all, including the authorities themselves, are answerable to God and governed by his Word.

b) God has given each institution specific Biblical responsibilities and balanced those responsibilities with the understanding that no institution has the right to infringe upon the other.

c) The home, the church, and the sate are equal and sovereign in their respective Biblically assigned spheres or responsibility under God. (Rom. 13:1-7, Eph. 5:22-24, Heb. 13:17, 1 Peter 2:13-14)

**Human Sexuality**

a) We believe that God has commanded that no intimate sexual activity be engaged in outside of a marriage between one man and one woman.  We believe that any form of homosexuality, lesbianism, bisexuality, bestiality, incest, fornication, adultery, and pornography are sinful perversions of God's gift of sex.

b) We believe that God disapproves of and forbids any attempt to alter one's gender by surgery or appearance.(Gen. 2:24, 19:5, 13, 26:8-9, Lev. 18:1-30, Rom. 1:26-29, I Corin. 5:1, 6:9, 1 Thess. 4:1-8, Heb. 13:4)

c) We believe that the only Scriptural marriage is the joining of one man and one woman. (Gen. 2:24, Rom. 7:2, 1 Corin. 7:10,Eph. 5:22-23)

**Family Relationships**

a) We believe that men and women are spiritually equal in position before God but that God has ordained distinct and separate spiritual functions for men and women in the home and the church.

b) We believe the husband is to be the leader of the home, and men are to be the leaders (pastors and deacons) of the church. Accordingly, only men are eligible for licensure and ordination by the church. (Gen. 1:26-28, Ex. 20:12, Deut. 6:4-9,

Psa. 127:3-5, Prov. 19:18, 22:15, 23:13-14, Mk. 10:6-12, 1 Corin. 7:1-16, Eph. 5:21-33, 6:1-4, Col. 3:18-21, Heb. 13:4, 1 Peter 3:1-7)

**Abortion**

We believe that human life begins at conception and that the unborn child is a living being.  Abortion constitutes the unjustified, unexcused taking of unborn human life.  Abortion is murder.  We reject any teaching that abortions of pregnancies due to rape, incest, birth defects, gender selection, birth or population control, or the physical or mental well being of the mother are acceptable.

(Job 3:16, Psa. 51:5, 139:14-16, Isa. 44:24, 49:1,5, Jer. 1:5, 20:15-18, Lk. 1:44)

**Euthanasia**

We believe that the direct taking of an innocent human life is a moral evil, regardless of intention.  Life is a gift of God and must be respected from conception until natural death.  Thus we believe that an act or omission which, of itself or by intention, causes death in order to eliminate suffering constitutes a murder contrary to the will of God.  Discontinuing medical procedures that are extraordinary or disproportionate to the expected outcome can be a legitimate refusal of over-zealous treatment.

(Ex. 20:13, 23:7, Matt. 5:21, Acts 17:28)​

**Giving**

a) We believe every Christian, as a steward of that portion of God's wealth entrusted to him, is obligated to financially support his local church.

b) We believe God has established the tithe as a basis for giving, but that every Christian should also give other offerings sacrificially and cheerfully to the support of the church, relief of those in need, and the spread of the Gospel.  We believe that a Christian relinquishes all rights to direct the use of his tithe or offering once the gift has been made.(Gen. 14:20, Prov. 3:9-10, Acts 4:34-37, 1 Corin. 16:2, 11 Corin. 9:6-7, Gal. 6:6, Eph. 4:28, 1 Tim. 5:17-18)

**Authority of Statement of Faith**

The Statement of Faith does not exhaust the extent of our faith.  The Bible itself is the sole and final source of all that we believe.

We do believe, however that the foregoing Statement of Faith accurately represents the teaching of the Bible and, therefore, is binding upon all members.  All literature used in the church shall be in complete agreement with the Statement of Faith.