

# STATEMENT OF FAITH

## GOD

Genesis 1:1,26,27; 3:22; Psalm 90:2; Matthew 28:19; I Peter 1:2; II Cor. 13:14;

GOD is the Creator and Ruler of the universe. He has eternally existed in three personalities: the Father, the Son, and the HOLY SPIRIT

## MAN

Genesis 1:27; Psalm 8:3-6; Isaiah 53:6a; Romans 3:23; Isaiah 59:1-2

Man is made in the spiritual image of GOD, to be like Him in character. He is the supreme object of GOD's creation. Although man has tremendous potential for good, he is marred by an attitude of disobedience toward GOD called "sin." This attitude separates man from GOD.

## ETERNITY

John 3:16; I John 2:25 & 5:11-13; Romans 6:23; Revelation 20:15

Man was created to exist forever. He will either exist eternally separated from GOD by sin, or in union with GOD, through forgiveness and salvation. To be eternally separated from GOD is Hell. To be eternally in union with Him is eternal life. Heaven and Hell are places of eternal existence.

## JESUS CHRIST

Matthew 1:22-23; Isaiah 9:6; John 1:1-5 & 14:10-30; Hebrews 4:14-15; Acts 1:9-11

I Corinthians 15:3-4; Romans 1:3-4; I Timothy 6:14-15; Titus 2:13

JESUS CHRIST is the Son of GOD. He is co-equal with the Father. JESUS lived a sinless human life and offered Himself as the perfect sacrifice for the sins of all men by dying on a cross. He arose from the dead after three days to demonstrate His power over sin and death. He ascended to Heaven's glory and will return again to earth to reign as King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

## SALVATION

Romans 6:23; Ephesians 2:8-9; John 14:6 & 1:12; Titus 3:5; Galatians 3:26; Romans 5:1; Salvation is a gift from GOD to man. Man can never make up for his sin by self-improvement or good works. Only by trusting in JESUS CHRIST as GOD's offer of forgiveness can man be saved from sin's penalty. Eternal life begins the moment one receives JESUS CHRIST into his life by faith.

## HOLY SPIRIT

II Corinthians 3:17; John 16:7-13 & 14:16-17; Acts 1:8; I Corinthians 2:12 & 3:16; Ephesians 1:13; Galatians 5:25; Ephesians 5:18

The HOLY SPIRIT is equal with the Father and the Son as GOD. He is present in the world to make men aware of their need for JESUS CHRIST. He also lives in every Christian from the moment of salvation. He provides the Christian with power for living, understanding of spiritual truth, and guidance in doing what is right. The Christian seeks to live under His control daily.

## THE BIBLE

II Timothy 3:16-17; II Peter 1:20-21; II Timothy 1:13; Psalm 119:105,160 & 12:6; Proverbs 30:5; The Bible is GOD's Word to all men. It was written by human authors under the supernatural guidance of the HOLY SPIRIT. It is the supreme source of truth for Christian beliefs and living. Because it is inspired by GOD, it is truth without any mixture of error.

## TRINITY

Deuteronomy 6:4; Isaiah 61:1; Matthew 28:19; Mark 1:9-11; Luke 1:35; John 5:21-23; 14:10, 16; Romans 8:9-11; 1 Corinthians 8:6; 2 Corinthians 13:14; Hebrews 1:8-10; James 2:19; GOD has existed in relationship with Himself for all eternity. He exists as one substance in three persons: the Father, the Son, and the HOLY SPIRIT. Although each member of the Trinity serves different functions, they each possess equal power and authority.

## FIVE-FOLD MINISTRY

Ephesians 4:8-13; 1 Corinthians 12:4-30, 14:29-31; Galatians 3:26-29; Philippians 4:3; Romans 16:1-7;

The Five-Fold Ministry positions of Apostles, Prophets, Pastors, Evangelists, and Teachers are gifts given to each local church and the universal church. These gifts are for the equipping of believers to spread the gospel of CHRIST. We believe both men and women are sovereignly chosen by GOD for these ministry positions.

## SPIRITUAL GIFTS

I Corinthians 12; I Corinthians 13; Through HOLY SPIRIT, believers have access to receive the gifts of the Spirit, which are given freely as the Spirit wills. We believe signs, wonders, and miracles are available according to our faith. We further believe that the gifts of the Spirit must be pursued in a more excellent way which demands love for its effectiveness.

## HEALTH & PROSPERITY

We believe that, as part of CHRIST's work of salvation, it is the Father's will for believers to become whole, healthy, and successful in all areas of life:

1. SPIRITUAL John 3:3, 11; Romans 10:9-10, 2 Corinthians 5:17-21
2. MENTAL & EMOTIONAL Isaiah 26:3; 2 Timothy 1:7; Romans 12:2
3. PHYSICAL Isaiah 53:4,5; Matthew 8:17; 1 Peter 2:24
4. FINANCIAL Deuteronomy 28:1-14; Joshua 1:8; Psalm 34:10, 84:11; Malachi 3:10