

# Doctrinal Statement

God	We believe in one <u>GOD, CREATOR OF ALL, SOVEREIGN, ETERNAL,</u> existing in three <u>EQUAL PERSONS, THE FATHER, THE SON, AND THE HOLY SPIRIT.</u> (Genesis 1:1; 1 Chronicles 29:11-12; Psalm 103:19; 146:5ff; Isaiah 45:22; Matthew 28:19; 1 Timothy 1:17;)
Jesus Christ	We believe in the absolute and essential <u>DEITY OF JESUS CHRIST,</u> in His eternal existence with the Father in pre-incarnate Glory, in His Virgin Birth, sinless life, substitutionary death for the sins of His people, His bodily resurrection, His triumphant ascension, His mediatorial (1) ministry and future personal return. (Isaiah 53:5; Michah 5:2; Matthew 1:23; John 2:19-21; 17:5; 1 Corinthians 15:3-8; 1 Thessalonians 4:14-18; Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:9; 4:15; 7:24-25;)
The Bible	We believe the Bible to be the complete Word of God. That the sixty-six books, as originally written, comprising the Old and New Testaments were verbally inspired by the HOLY SPIRIT; That the Bible is final authority in all matters of faith and practice. (Psalm 119:89; Isaiah 40:8; 2 Timothy 3:15-17; 1 Peter 1:23-25; 2 Peter 20-21;)
The Holy Spirit	We believe in the absolute and essential DEITY (2) and personality of the HOLY SPIRIT, Who convinces of sin, of righteousness, and judgment; Who glorifies CHRIST; Who regenerates (3), indwells, seals, sanctifies (4), illuminates and comforts those who believe in JESUS CHRIST. (John 14:16-17; 26; 1:7-14; Acts 1:8; Ephesians 1:13; 1 Corinthians 12:3-11;)
Salvation	We believe that justification (6) is by faith through the imputed (7) righteousness of JESUS CHRIST, that regeneration (8) and sanctification (9) are affected by the HOLY SPIRIT in applying the work of CHRIST; that believers are eternally secure in Him, according to GOD'S Grace and faith in CHRIST alone, and not by works, no matter how righteous they may seem; and that, because GOD is the AUTHOR OF SALVATION, the perseverance and ultimate perfection of the saints (10) are guaranteed. (Genesis 15:6; John 3:1-8; 10:28-29; Acts 13:39; Romans 3:23-26; 4:1-5, 11; 10:9-12; Ephesians 2:8-9; Titus 3:5; 1 Peter 1:23;)
Human Responsibility	We believe that all mankind is answerable to GOD for the acceptance or rejection of JESUS CHRIST HIS SON, as revealed in the record GOD has given to us of HIS SON. (Ezekiel 18:20; Luke 12:42-48; 20:9-18; John 1:10-13, 36; 3:18-21; Romans 2:1-16; 1 John 5:11-12;)
Resurrection	We believe that the bodily resurrection of JESUS CHRIST is an historical fact, and a pledge of the resurrection of the bodies of both the just and the unjust. (Psalm 16:10; Luke 24:1-48; John 5:28-29; Acts 17:3; 24:15; 1 Corinthians 15:1-28; 1 Thessalonians 4:14;)
Future Events	We believe that the second, personal, visible coming of JESUS CHRIST is a future glorious event. We believe in the eternal blessedness of the redeemed with CHRIST and in the judgment and conscious, eternal punishment of unbelievers in hell. (Matthew 24:29-31; 25:1-13, 31-46;

<p><b>The Local Church</b></p>	<p>Acts 1:11; 1 Corinthians 15:50-58; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; 2 Thessalonians 1:6-10; 2 Peter 3:8-14; Revelation 1:7, 22:12;)</p> <p>We believe that a Church is a company of <u>Baptized believers</u> voluntarily associated and meeting in one place on the first day of the week for the Worship of GOD, for the observance of the ordinances, and the maintenance and propagation of the Gospel. (Matthew 18:19-20; Acts 2:46-47; 20:7, 28; 1 Corinthians 12:12-31; Hebrews 10:25;)</p>
<p><b>Ordinances</b></p>	<p>We believe that there are two ordinances for the Church today which were regularly observed in the New Testament and they are Baptism and The Lord's Supper.</p>
<p><b>Church Government</b></p>	<p>We believe that the Church is free from outside ecclesiastical control, but opportunities for service and mutual strengthening are to be encouraged with other Churches of like faith and practice.</p>
<p><b>Civil Government</b></p>	<p>We believe that the civil government is of divine appointment for the interest and good order of society; that government and civil officials are to be prayed for, conscientiously honoured and obeyed, except only in those things opposed to the Will of our LORD JESUS CHRIST. (Titus 3:1; Romans 13:1-7; 1 Peter 2:13-17;)</p>
<p><b>Church &amp; State Baptism</b></p>	<p>We believe in the entire separation of Church and State. (Matthew 22:21)</p> <p>Which is the immersion of the believer in water, in the name of the FATHER, SON, AND HOLY SPIRIT whereby he/she obeys CHRIST'S command and sets forth his/her identification with CHRIST in His death, burial and resurrection. (Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 2:37-41; 8:36-39; 10:47-48; Romans 6:1-6; Colossians 2:12;)</p>
<p><b>The Lord's Supper</b></p>	<p>Which is the memorial wherein the baptized believer partakes of the two elements, bread and the fruit of the vine, which symbolize the LORD'S body and shed blood, proclaiming His death until He comes. (Luke 22:18; Matthew 26:26-29; Acts 2:42, 46; 20:7-12; 1 Corinthians 11:17-34;)</p>
<p><b>Man</b></p>	<p>We believe that man was divinely created in the image of GOD ("So GOD created man in His Own image, in the image of GOD He created him; male and female He created them.") as recorded in the book of Genesis and not by any means of evolution; that he sinned, becoming guilty before GOD, resulting in total depravity (5), thereby incurring physical and spiritual death, and that in his natural state, man is without capacity to receive the things of the SPIRIT OF GOD, until such capacity is created within him by the quickening Grace of the HOLY SPIRIT.( Genesis 1:26-27; 2:7, 17; 3:1-24; Psalm 14:2-3; Isaiah 59:1-8; Ezekiel 18:4, 20; John 6:44; Romans 3:23; 5:12; 6:23; 1 Corinthians 1:17-31; 2:9-14; Ephesians 2:1-5;)</p>
<p><b>Satan</b></p>	<p>We believe that Satan exists as an evil spirit being, the originator of sin, and the arch-enemy of GOD and man, who will some day be justly tried and properly punished for all his sins. (Job 1:6-12; Zechariah 3:1-2; Matthew 4:1-11; 13:36-39; John 8:44; 2 Corinthians 11:14; 1 Peter 5:8; Jude 9; Revelation 20:10;)</p>