

Statement of Faith

The Holy Scriptures

I believe the whole Bible from Genesis 1:1 to Revelation 22:21 as the verbally inspired and preserved Word of God. The Scriptures are inerrant, infallible and God-breathed, and therefore are the final authority for faith and life. The Bible is the complete and divine revelation of God to man. I teach and preach from the King James Version of the Bible. (2 Tim. 3:16-17; 2 Peter 1:20-21)

Dispensationalism

I believe that the Scriptures interpreted in their normal grammatical—historical sense reveal divinely determined dispensations or periods of stewardship which define God's dealings with man in successive ages. These dispensations are not ways of salvation, but rather divinely ordered ways by which God directs man according to His purpose. Three of these dispensations are the Age of the Law, the Age of the Church, and the Age of the Kingdom. (Gen. 1:28; I Cor. 9:17; 2 Cor. 3:9-18; Gal. 3:13-25; Eph. 1:10; Eph. 3:2-10; Col. 1:24-25, 27; Rev. 20:2-6)

The Godhead

I believe in one Triune God, who exists in three persons—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. They are eternal, identical in nature, and equal in power and glory. All are perfect. (Deut. 6:4; Matt. 28:19; 2 Cor. 13:14; John 14:10, 26)

The Person and Work of Christ

I believe that the Lord Jesus Christ, the eternal Son of God, became man, without ceasing to be God, having been conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary, in order that He might reveal God and redeem the sinful human race. (Isa. 7:14; 9:6; Luke 1:35; John 1:1-2, 14; 2 Cor. 5:19-21; Gal. 4:4-5; Phil. 2:5-8)

I believe that the Lord Jesus Christ accomplished our redemption through his death on the cross as a representative, vicarious, substitutionary sacrifice; and that our justification is made sure by His literal, physical resurrection from the dead by God. (Acts 2:18-36; Rom. 3:24-25; I Peter 2:24; Eph. 1:7; I Peter 1:3-5)

I 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; Heb. 7:25; 9:24; Rom. 8:34; I John 1:1-2)

The Person and Work of the Holy Spirit

I believe that the Holy Spirit is a person who convicts the world of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment; and, that He is the Supernatural Agent in regeneration, baptizing all believers into the body of Christ, indwelling and sealing them unto the day of redemption. (John 16:8-11; Rom. 8:9; I Cor. 12:12-14; 2 Cor. 3:6; Eph. 1:13-14)

I believe that He is the Divine Teacher who assists believers to understand and appropriate the Scriptures and that it is the privilege and duty of all the saved to be filled with the Spirit. (I Cor. 2:9-16; Eph. 1:17-18; 5:18; I John 2:20, 27)

I believe that God is sovereign in the bestowal of spiritual gifts to every believer. God uniquely uses evangelists, pastors, and teachers to equip believers in the assembly in order that they can do the work of the ministry. (Rom. 12:3-8; I Cor. 12:4-11, 28; Eph. 4:7-12)

I believe that speaking in tongues was never the common or necessary sign of the filling of the Holy Spirit and that ultimate deliverance of the body from sickness and death awaits the consummation of our salvation in the resurrection, though God frequently chooses to answer the prayers of believers for physical healing. (I Cor. 1:22; 13:8; 14:21-22)

The Total Depravity of Man

I believe that man was created in the image and likeness of God, but that in Adam's sin the human race fell, inherited a sinful nature, and became alienated from God; and, that man is totally depraved, and, of himself, utterly unable to remedy his lost condition. (Gen. 1:26-27; Rom. 3:22-23; 5:12; 6:23; Eph. 2:1-3; 4:17-19)

Salvation

I believe that salvation is the gift of God brought to man by grace and received by personal faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, whose precious blood was shed on Calvary for the forgiveness of our sins. It is a free gift that is given to all who will believe in Christ and repent of their sins, turning to Him as their only way of salvation and unity with the Father. (John 1:12; Eph. 1:7; 2:8-10; 1 Peter 1:18-19; Rom. 10:9-10, 13; John 14:6)

The Eternal Security and Assurance of Believers

I believe that all the redeemed, once saved, are kept by God's power, and are therefore secure in Christ forever. (John 6:37-40; 10:27-30; Rom. 8:1, 38-39; I Cor. 1:4-8; I Peter 1:4-5)

I believe that it is the privilege of believers to rejoice in the assurance of their salvation through the testimony of God's Word, which also, clearly forbids the use of Christian liberty as an occasion to the flesh. (Rom. 12:13-14; Gal. 5:13; Titus 2:11-15)

The Church

I believe that the local church, which is the body and espoused bride of Christ, is solely made up of born-again persons. (I Cor. 12:12-14; 2 Cor. 11:2; Eph. 1:22-23; 5:25-27)

I believe that the establishment and continuance of local churches is clearly taught and defined in the New Testament Scriptures. (Acts 14:27; 20:17; 28-32; I Tim. 3:1-13; Titus 1:5-11)

I believe in the autonomy of the local church free of any external authority or control. (Acts 13:1-4; 15:19-31; 20:28; Rom. 16:1, 4; I Cor. 3:9, 16; 5:4-7, 13; I Peter 5:1-4)

I recognize water baptism as immersion and the Lord's Supper as the only Scriptural ordinances for the Church in this age. (Matt. 28:19-20; Acts 2:41-42; 18:18; I Cor. 11:23-26)

Separation

I believe that all the saved should live in such a manner as not to bring reproach upon their Savior and Lord; and that separation from all religious apostasy, all worldly and sinful pleasures, practices and associations is commanded of God. (Rom. 12:1-2; 14:13; 2 Cor. 6:14-7:1; 2 Tim. 3:1-5; I John 2:15-17; 2 John 9-11)

The Second Advent of Christ

I believe in the hope of the imminent return of Christ Who will rapture His Church prior to the seven-year tribulation period. At the end of the tribulation Christ will personally and visibly return, with His saints to establish His earthly Messianic Kingdom that was promised to the nation of Israel. (Ps. 89:3-4; Dan. 2:31-45; Zech. 14:4-11; I Thess. 1:10; I Thess. 4:13-18; Titus 2:13; Rev. 3:10; 19:11-16; 20:1-6)

The Eternal State

I believe in the bodily resurrection of all men, the saved to eternal life, and the unsaved to judgment and everlasting punishment. (Matt. 25:46; John 5:28-29; 11:25-26; Rev. 20:5-6, 12-13)

I 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, when spirit, soul and body are reunited to be glorified forever with the Lord. (Luke 23:43; 2 Cor. 5:8; Phil 1:23, 3:21; I Thess. 4:16-17; Rev. 20:4-6)

I believe that the souls of unbelievers remain, after death, in conscious punishment and torment until the second resurrection, when with soul and body reunited they shall appear at the Great White Throne Judgment, and shall be cast into the Lake of Fire, not to be annihilated, but to suffer eternal conscious punishment and torment. (Matt. 25:41-46; Mark 9:43-48; Luke 16:19-26; 2 Thess. 1:7-9; Jude 6-7; Rev. 20:11-15)

The Personality of Satan

I believe that Satan is a person, the author of sin and 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)

Creation

I believe that God created the universe in six literal, solar, consecutive days. I reject evolution, the Gap Theory, the Day-Age Theory, and Theistic Evolution, as false and unscriptural theories of origin. (Gen. Ch. 1, 2; Ex. 20:11)

Human Sexuality

I believe that God has commanded that no intimate sexual activity should be engaged in outside of a marriage between a man and a woman. I believe that any form of homosexuality, incest, fornication, adultery and pornography are sinful perversions of God's gift of sex. (Gen. 2:24; 19:5, 13; 26:8-9; Lev. 18:1-30; Rom. 1:26-29; I Cor. 5:1; 6:9; 1 Thess. 4:1-8; Heb. 13:4)

Divorce and Remarriage

I believe that God hates divorce and intends marriage to last until one spouse dies. Divorce and remarriage is regarded as adultery except on the grounds of fornication. Divorced and remarried persons can serve in the church, but they may not be used in the positions of pastor or deacon. (Mal. 2:14-17; Matt. 19:3-12; Rom. 7:1-3; I Tim. 3:2, 12; Titus 1:6)

Human Life

I believe that human life begins at conception and that the unborn child is a living human being. Abortion constitutes the taking of life—it is murder. I reject any teaching that abortions of pregnancies due to rape, incest, birth defects, gender selection, birth or population control, or the mental well-being of the mother are acceptable. (Job 3:16; Ps. 51:5; 139:14-16; Isa. 44:24; Isa. 49:1,5; Jer. 1:5; 20:15-18; Luke 1:44)

Missions

I believe that God has given the Church a Great Commission to proclaim the Gospel to all nations so that there might be a great multitude from every nation, tribe, ethnic group, and language group who believe on the Lord Jesus Christ. As ambassadors for Christ we must use all available means to go to the foreign nations and not wait for them to come to us. (Matt. 28:19-20; Mark 16:15; Luke 24:46-48; John 20:21; Acts 1:8; 2 Cor. 5:20)

This Statement of Faith is not all encompassing. The Bible is the only source to exhaust all areas of faith. This statement does reflect my beliefs as taken literally from the Holy Word of God.

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