

Statement of Faith

1. We believe in one eternal God, wholly separate and transcendent from all created things, knowing all past, present, and future, with no beginning or end.
2. We believe that God is immanent today, being worthy of worship alone, having created all things from nothing, visible and invisible, through and for His sovereign plan.
3. We believe in the general revelation of God in all of history and the special revelation of God found in the 39 traditional books of the Old Testament and the 27 traditional books of the New Testament. The various writings in between the Old and New Testaments give considerable insight into the historical and theological development of God's people. These must be studied properly to understand the transition between the Old Testament and the New Testament. These writings are very devotional but are not considered infallible for salvation. The writings contain questionable content and authorship, and they were not included in the original Hebrew canon of Scripture. The traditional 66 books of the Old and New Testaments are solely considered infallible for salvation. These books are fully inspired by God, but fully written by the hands of men. The interaction between God and man in the writing of the Scriptures cannot be explained but is affirmed by the witness of God to the reader's open and honest heart. The Scriptures were written in history and closed to new addition upon the death of the Apostle John. These Scriptures were written by God's appointed people to found His church and establish the church's responsibility. The Scriptures were written without error in their original cultural context. They were the perfect rule of Christian living in their day. They remain to be the rule for us today, but there are some circumstances in which the application of the Scriptures concerning the worship of God and government of the Church are to be ordered by Christian prudence, according to the general rules of the Scriptures.
4. We believe that God is revealed in the Scriptures as three Persons each holding a different function and functional relationship within the Godhead.
5. We believe in the Divine Persons of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. These each are of the same substance and Divinity with equal majesty and right to be worshipped.
6. We believe that God the Son is the Word of God eternally begotten of God the Father. The Word of God was understood culturally in the day of the Biblical writings to be the very revelation and express image of God, His Reason, through Whom all things were and are created.
7. We believe that God the Holy Spirit eternally proceeds out of God. The Holy Spirit is the agent of all creation and the sovereign plan of God.

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8. We believe in the incarnation in time of the Word of God in the person of Jesus Christ. He was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and He was born of the virgin Mary.
9. We believe that Jesus Christ was and is fully God and fully man. This Jesus is perfect both in deity and in humanness and is actually God and actually man. He has the two distinct natures of Godhood and manhood inseparably united making the one person Jesus Christ the Son of God.
10. We believe that Jesus Christ was crucified under the Roman governorship of Pontius Pilate, dead and buried. He descended into what the Jews understood to be Hades, the dwelling of the dead. He physically arose from the grave showing infallible proofs 3 days later according to the Jewish reckoning of time. He physically ascended into heaven the 40th day after His resurrection. He will physically return from heaven to judge the living and the dead in the fullness of times.
11. We believe that through the crucifixion, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ alone, every power and penalty can be removed that would keep us from communion with God and glorification in heaven. This is salvation.
12. We believe that a person can enter into a state of salvation by means of three distinct actions:
 1. The hearing of the gospel, the good news of what Jesus accomplished through the crucifixion and resurrection
 2. The reception of the gospel in faithful belief and confession that Christ is Lord and God
 3. Through a change of mind in humble commitment to actively serve Jesus Christ
13. We believe that a person is united to the Spirit of God upon entering the state of salvation or otherwise termed “in Christ.” The Spirit is God’s earnest payment and seal that we are children of God forever. We, therefore, are accepted and judged righteous instantaneously in God’s eyes because we are “in Christ.”
14. We believe that a person “in Christ” will give clear evidence of the consistent and progressive work of the Holy Spirit in their life. Those not bearing the “fruits of the Spirit” are not “in Christ.”
15. We believe that the primary evidence of one “in Christ” is revealed in their love for God and man. This love for God is to personally give to Him and for His plan your heart, soul, mind, and strength. This love for man is patient, is kind, and is not jealous; this love does not brag and is not arrogant, it does not bring reproach; it does not seek its own, is not provoked, does not take into account a wrong, does not rejoice in unrighteousness, but rejoices in truth.

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16. We believe that a person “in Christ” is united to other Christians in spirit and is duty-bound to minister to every other Christian. This is the fellowship of God’s Church and Body of Christ.
17. We acknowledge that there are various experiences with the Spirit of God in the Body of Christ each deserving equal respect from those in the Body. We don’t believe that every Christian must partake of all the various experiences of the Spirit of God, except the love mentioned above.
18. We believe that each individual Christian is equipped by God to fulfill a role in the Body of Christ. As each Christian gets “jointly fit together” with other Christians, we all grow up into “the maturity of Christ.”
19. We believe that a person “in Christ” must respond to the pressure of the Spirit of God to minister hope and help to the poorest of the poor of all nations.
20. We believe in the importance of sacred Christian rituals, especially baptism and the Lord’s supper. These events in the Christian’s life are monumental and mystical in which the believer draws uniquely close to God.
21. We believe in a physical resurrection from the dead in which there will be eternal life given to those “in Christ” and eternal punishment for those who are not.