

STATEMENT OF FAITH

A. **The Scriptures:**

We believe in the VERBAL PLENARY inspiration of the Scriptures in 66 books.

VERBAL - that in the original writings the Holy Spirit guided the choice of words used while preserving the individual writer's style and vocabulary.

PLENARY - that every portion of the Bible is infallible as to its truth and final as to its Divine Authority (II Tim. 3:16, 17; II Pet. 1:10-21; I Cor. 2:13).

The Bible therefore, is to the true center of Christian union and the supreme standard by which all human conduct, creeds, and opinions shall rest.

B. **The Godhead:**

We believe there is one, and only one, living and true God. He is the Creator of heaven and earth, inexpressively glorious in holiness, and worthy of all our honor, worship, confidence, and love. God eternally exists in three Persons - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (Exodus 20:2, 3; John 1:1-4, 10:30, 14:7-11; I John 5:7; Rev. 4:11).

C. **The Lord Jesus Christ:**

We believe that the eternal Son of God was manifest in the flesh and came into this world as purposed by God and prophesied in the Scriptures to fulfill the plan and purpose of the God of salvation for a lost world (John 1:14; II Cor. 5:21; Phil. 2:5-8).

We believe that, while not divesting Himself of His absolute deity, He took upon Himself a perfect, sinless human nature being born of the virgin Mary by the Holy Spirit (Isaiah 7:14; Luke 1:30-35).

We believe that Jesus Christ voluntarily became sin for us; and that by His death, as the sinless Lamb of God, He bore the righteous judgment of a Holy God and tasted death for every man (Heb. 10:5-14; II Cor. 5:21; I Pet. 3:18).

We believe that Jesus Christ rose from the grave having the same body but glorified (John 20:9, 20; Phil. 3:21; Rom. 6:4).

We believe in the bodily ascension of Christ to the right hand of the throne of God, and that He has become head over all things to the church which is His body (John 20:17; Acts 1:9; Eph. 1:22-23).

We believe that Jesus Christ is now intercessor and advocate for all those who are saved and that He will return for His bride, the church, at the Rapture (Heb. 7:25; I Thess. 4:17).

D. **The Holy Spirit:**

We believe that the Holy Spirit was and is present in all the plan and work of God and that He has ministries peculiar to each dispensation. His ministries to this age of Grace are: restraining of evil (II Thess. 2:7); convicting the world of sin, righteousness and

judgment (John 16:7-11); regenerating all believers (John 3:6); indwelling all saved (Rom. 8:9); baptizing all saved into the body of Christ (I Cor. 12:13); anointing all believers to teach them truth (John 16:13); sealing all believers until the day of redemption (Eph. 4:30); filling and empowering for service (Eph. 5:18; I Cor. 12:7; Acts 1:8).

E. Creation:

We believe in the divine work of creation: that the Biblical account of origins is to be understood literally and not figuratively; that God created the existing universe with all of its intricate systems and varied kinds of organisms in six literal days; that the entire Genesis record of primeval history is to be accepted as divinely inspired and historically accurate, including the literal existence of Adam and Eve as the progenitors of all people, the literal fall and resultant divine curse on the creation, the worldwide cataclysmic deluge, and the origin of nations and languages at the Tower of Babel. (Genesis 1:1; 1:5, 8, 13, 19, 23, 31; 2:2; Exodus 20:11; Genesis 1:26-27; 3:1-7, 14-19; 6:1-8:22; 11:1-9; Romans 1:19-20.)

F. Satan:

We believe in the personality of Satan and that he is a created being, the unholy god of this age and the author of all the powers of darkness. His purpose is to deceive, steal, kill, and destroy. He is destined to the judgment of an eternal justice in the lake of fire (II Cor. 4:4; John 10:10; Eph. 2:2, 6:12; Rev. 20:10).

G. Man:

We believe that the first man Adam, was created in the image and likeness of God, but that through willful sin, he became dead in trespasses and sin and subjected himself and creation to the authority of Satan (Gen. 1:26; 2:17; 3:6; 6:6; Psalms 14:1-3; 51:5; Jer. 17:9; John 3:6; Rom. 3:10-19; 8:6-7; Eph. 2:1-3; I Tim. 5:6). We believe that this total depravity in man has been transmitted to every child born of that man.

H. Salvation:

We believe that salvation is the work of God alone and is free to everyone without human merit or attainment. It is by grace through faith (Eph. 2:8, 9; Titus 3:5).

We believe that the substitutionary sacrifice of Christ by the shedding of His blood on the cross, which includes his death, burial and resurrection, is the only basis for our redemption and the entrance into the Kingdom of God is by the New Birth alone (John 3:3-6; II Cor. 5:17).

We believe that salvation is eternally secured to all believers and that this assurance is their portion from the very day of their trust in Christ (John 3:16; 10:28,29; Heb.10:22; Rom. 8:28-39).

We believe that this salvation will be fully realized when Christ comes back to take us to Himself; this is the Christian's blessed hope (John 14:1-3; I Thess. 4:13-18; Titus 2:11-13).

I. The Christian Life:

Every believer should take the first step of obedience and follow Jesus' command for believer's baptism by immersion to identify with Jesus' death, burial, and resurrection. (Mt 28:18-20; Acts 2:41; 8:38; Rom 6:3,4)

We believe that it is the responsibility of every believer to walk worthy of his calling, to walk after the spirit and not after the flesh. We are saved to glorify God through worship and service that brings others to Christ (Eph. 4:1, 12:16; I Thess. 2:12; Rom. 8:4-5).

We believe that Christian character and fruit are produced by the work of the Holy Spirit as we yield our lives to Him (Phil. 2:12-16; Gal. 5:16-25; Eph. 4:22-30; Rom. 6:11-16).

J. The Church:

We believe that each local assembly has the absolute right of self-government, free from interference of any hierarchy of individuals or organizations; and that the One, and only One, to whom we are responsible is Jesus Christ the Lord. (Acts 2:41-42; 20:17-28; Matt. 16:16-18; I Cor. 11:2; Eph. 1:22-23; Col. 1:18, Rev. 1:5).

K. The Second Coming of Christ:

We believe that this dispensation will end with the rapture of the church and that there will follow a period of great tribulation upon the earth, after which the Lord will visibly return with His church in power and great glory to introduce His millennial reign and establish Israel in the land, according to the covenant promises (I Thess. 1:10; Matt. 24:21; II Thess. 1:7-10; Isa. 2:1-5; Jer. 31:27-40).

L. Judgment:

We believe that at death every believer passes into the presence of Christ and there awaits the resurrection, after which his works will be judged by Christ (I Cor. 3:9-15; 15:51-54; II Cor. 5:8-10; Rom. 14:10).

We believe that the unsaved will remain under condemnation and in misery until the judgment of the Great White Throne where they will be united with their body to be cast, with Satan, into the eternal lake of fire (Rev. 20:10-15).

M. Morality

We believe in morality for individuals as described in the Bible, God's Word. We believe that God created Adam and Eve to dwell together in holiness. The principle is established that the man and woman are to leave their parents and cleave to each other and make a home. Sexuality is for husband and wife within the bounds of holy matrimony. The New Testament clearly teaches one man and one woman in marriage. Therefore, all other life styles are unscriptural and sinful in God's sight. We will not support the open and blatant acceptance or practice of pornography, transgender, illicit sexual behavior, homosexuality, bisexuality, or bestiality, as a life style. Any person who may be involved in, or support, or promote such immorality, shall be removed from the property, and if

holding an office shall be stripped of their office with all rights and privileges thereof.
(Mk 10:6-9; 1Cor 5:5-7; 6:15-20; 1Thes 4:3-6)

SECTION 2.02 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 camp will be in complete agreement with the Statement of Faith.