



## DOCTRINAL STATEMENT

1. **The Holy Scripture:** We believe the Bible is the verbally inspired Word of God and His written revelation to man. Inerrant in the original writings, it is therefore the supreme and final authority in all matters of doctrine, faith, and life. II Tim 3:16, 17; II Pet 1:16-21
2. **The Trinity:** We believe in one God, eternally existing in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, co-eternal, co-existent and one of essence. Deut 6:4; Matt 28:19; John 1:1; John 20:28; John 14:16,17; Acts 5:3, 4
3. **God the Father:** We believe that God the Father is a personal spiritual Being and is omniscient, omnipotent, and omnipresent. John 4:24
4. **God the Son:** We believe that Jesus Christ was God manifest in the flesh having ever existed with the Father and the Holy Spirit. In His incarnation He was begotten by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary and is True God and True Man. John 1:1,14; Luke 1: 34, 35
5. **The Death, Resurrection and Ascension of Jesus Christ:** We believe that Christ died for our sin according to the scriptures as a representative and substitutionary sacrifice, and that all who believe in Him are justified on the grounds of His blood. We believe that He rose bodily from the dead on the third day in the same body in which He suffered and died. We also believe that our Lord ascended into Heaven, that He is now seated at the right hand of the Father and is our High Priest and Advocate with the Father. We believe that by His finished work on the cross and his unceasing ministry of intercession in glory Jesus Christ has procured for every believer eternal redemption, eternal salvation, and everlasting life. I Cor 15:3; Rom 5:9; John 20:27; Mark 16:19; Heb 7:25; I John 2:1; Heb 5:9; John 3:16
6. **God the Holy Spirit:** We believe that the Holy Spirit is a person, that He convicts the world of sin, of righteousness and of judgment; that He regenerates the sinner by the Word of God, and that He permanently indwells the church and the body of each believer. He seals, enlightens, instructs and guides every born-again person, and He is the efficient power for Godly living, Christian service, and spiritual worship. John 16:7-11; John 14:16,17,26; John 3:5; I Pet 1:23; Eph 4:30
  - A. We believe God's Word teaches that the gift of tongues was the God-given ability to speak in an existing language, which was previously unknown to the speaker, for the purpose of authenticating the Gospel message and messengers in the apostolic church. We believe that the gift of tongues was a temporary sign gift and that it ceased with the early church. Acts 2:4,8; 10:46, 19:6; Heb 2:3-4; I Cor 13:8

- B.** We believe that the gift of healing which God gave to the early church was of temporary nature. It was given for the purpose of confirming the message and messengers in the apostolic church and it came to an end with the early church. We believe that God is able to heal and that frequently He does miraculously heal people of their physical ailments in answer to believing prayer; but we do not presume that it is always His will to do so. Heb 2:3-4
- 7. The Creation and Fall of Mankind:** We believe that mankind was created by the direct act of God in the image of God. We believe that mankind sinned and thereby incurred not only physical death but also spiritual death which is separation from God and that all human beings are born with a sinful nature. Mankind is totally depraved, and for those who reach moral responsibility, are sinners in thought, word and deed and that they must be born-again to be accepted of God. Gen 1:26,27; Rom 5:12; Ps 51:5; Rom 3:10; 3:23; John 3:1-21
- 8. The nature of the Church:** We believe that the Church of Jesus Christ is composed of born-again people who have been called out from among the Jews and Gentiles to become the Body and Bride of our Lord. Christ, glorified in Heaven, is its head and the Holy Spirit on earth is the active agent of the God-Head who ever seeks to bring about within its ranks obedience to the Word of God and the will of God. The one body unites believers to each other and all to Christ. Its chief purpose of existence is to evangelize the world and to complete itself through the winning of lost souls to Jesus Christ. Acts 2; Rom 1:16; Acts 15:14; Eph 5:23; I Cor 12:13; Mark 16:15; Acts 1:8
- 9. Ordinances:** We believe that the two ordinances that Christians are commanded to observe are water baptism and the Lord's Supper. While recognizing that water baptism has no saving merit, it is our conviction that after one is saved, baptism is the next step in order to portray to the world the believer's union with Christ in His death, burial and resurrection. It is our conviction that the scriptural method of water baptism is immersion. We believe that Jesus Christ instituted the Lord's Supper to commemorate His death till He comes. We further believe that water baptism by immersion is observed but once and is a sign of identification and a testimony to newness of life, and the Lord's Supper is commemorative and is to be observed often as a memorial of the broken body and the shed blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. Matt 28: 19,20 Col 2:9-13; I Cor 11:23-33
- 10. The Second Coming of Jesus Christ:** We believe in the blessed hope, the personal, premillennial and imminent return of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Included in the return is the pre-tribulational rapture of the church. We also believe in the personal, visible and glorious return of Christ to the earth with his saints. This phase of His coming is known as the revelation of Jesus Christ. When He returns to earth with His saints, we believe that Jesus Christ will establish His millennial kingdom and will reign for one thousand years. Titus 2:13; I Thess 4:13-18 Rev 19:11- 20:6
- 11. The Resurrection of the Dead:** We believe in the bodily resurrection of the just at the rapture and the resurrection of the unjust at the end of time. I Thess 4:16; I Cor 15: 51-57; Rev 20:11-15; John 5:28, 29

12. **The Eternal State of the Saved and the Lost:** We believe in a heaven and hell. Heaven is the place of eternal conscious joy for all who receive Jesus Christ as their personal Savior. Hell is the place of eternal, conscious punishment in the lake of fire for all who reject Jesus Christ and who die in their sin. John 14:1-6; Ps 16:11; Phil 1:21; Ps 9:17; II Thess 1:7-9; Rev 20:10-15
13. **Satan:** We believe that Satan is a personal being, a fallen angel, prince of demons, and the god of this age. He is the great enticer and deceiver and adversary of Christ and His people, and the accuser of the brethren. His end is in the lake of fire. Is 14:12-14; Ezek 28:12-14; II Cor 4:3, 4; I Pet 5:8; John 8:44; Rev 12:9-10; Matt 25:41; Rev 20:10
14. **Separation and Sanctification:** We believe that the scripture clearly teaches non-conformity to the world for every believer and that born again people should be separated from the world unto Christ. It is clearly commanded by God to all believers to live lives of separation from worldly and sinful practices and to be holy as He is holy. We believe that personal sanctification occurs at the moment of regeneration and that practical sanctification is to be progressive throughout the entire life span of a believer on earth. God's provision for holy living is in the believer's identification with Christ in His death, resurrection and ascension, and by the indwelling person and power of the Holy Spirit and the believer's yielding to Him, and the Word of God. Col 1:13; Heb. 10:10-14; Col 3:1-4; II Cor 6:14-17; Titus 2:14; I Cor 6:19-20; Gal 5:16-23; Jn17:17  
Heb. 4:12; Eph.5:25-27