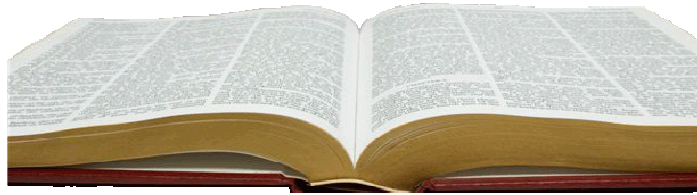


OUR STATEMENT OF FAITH



This is a nondenominational ministry with a genuine love for the Body of Christ regardless of denominational differences. We exist to serve and encourage all who have a sincere desire to know and follow the Lord Jesus Christ. The fundamental beliefs of this ministry are reflected in the following statements of faith.

(A) We believe in the inspiration of the Holy Bible, which is comprised of the 66 books of the Old & New Testaments as originally given, not including the Apocrypha. The Scriptures are without error and the sole and final authority for all matters of faith and conduct. (II Timothy 3:16, I Corinthians 2:13, II Peter 1:21).

(B) We believe in the Eternal God, who has revealed Himself as One God existing in three persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, distinguishable but indivisible (Matthew 28:19, II Corinthians 13:14, 1 Peter 1:2, John 14:26).

(C) We believe in the creation, test, and fall of man as recorded in Genesis, his total spiritual depravity and inability to attain to Divine righteousness on his own (Romans 5:12, 18).

(D) We believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, the Savior of men, conceived of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, totally God and totally Man (Luke 1:26-35, John 1:14-18, Isaiah 7:14, 9:6, Phil. 2:6, Rom. 9:5, Col. 2:9).

(E) We believe the Lord Jesus Christ gave His life on the cross as a sacrifice for our sin, was buried, and rose again bodily the third day, and personally appeared to His disciples (I Corinthians 15:1-4, Romans 4:25).

(F) We believe in the bodily ascension of Jesus to heaven, His exaltation, and personal, literal, and bodily coming again the second time for His Church (John 14:2-3, I Thessalonians 4:13-18).

(G) We believe in the salvation of sinners by grace, through repentance and faith in the perfect and complete work of Jesus on the Cross by which we obtain total forgiveness of sin. (Ephesians 2:8-9, Hebrews 9:12, 22, Romans 5:11).

(H) We believe that water baptism and communion are open only to those who have accepted Jesus as their Lord and Savior. These ordinances are observed in obedience to our Lord Jesus Christ as acts of love and devotion and are not considered to be necessary for salvation (Matthew 28:19, Acts 2:34-36, 19:1-6, I Corinthians 11:17-28).

(I) We believe the Holy Spirit indwells every believer in Jesus Christ, and that He is our abiding helper, teacher, and guide. We believe in the present day ministry of the Holy Spirit as recorded throughout the New Testament, including the exercise of all the Biblical gifts of the Holy Spirit in the church (Romans 8:9, I Corinthians 6:19, 12,14).

(J) We believe in the Baptism of the Holy Spirit as a real experience, at or subsequent to salvation, empowering believers as witnesses of Christ (Luke 24:49, Acts 1:4-5, 2:1-4, 8:14-17, 10:44-46).

(K) We believe Christians should live life in such a manner as not to bring reproach upon their Savior and Lord, their reputation, or the church. There should be a rejection of, and turning from sinful pleasures and practices (Romans 12: 1-2, Ephesians 5:18, II Corinthians 6:14, 7:1, I John 2:15-17, II John 9-11).

(L) We believe in the reality and personality of Satan and that he is the declared enemy of God and man. We further believe that while a Christian can be tempted by Satan, a Christian cannot be demon possessed (Matthew 25:41, II Corinthians 6:14-18, 7:1).

(M) We believe in eternal life for believers (John 5:24, 3:16), and eternal punishment and separation from God for unbelievers (Mark 9:43-48, II Thessalonians 1:9, Revelation 20:10-15).

(N) We believe there is one universal Church, made up of genuine believers, and this one universal Church is also composed of many local churches. These churches are under the leadership of the Lord Jesus Christ, not controlled by outside people or groups (Acts 15:22, Matthew 16:18, 18:15-20).

(O) We believe God has ordained and created all authority consisting of three basic institutions: 1) the home, 2) the church, and 3) the state. Every person is subject to these authorities, but all (including the authorities themselves) are answerable to God (Romans 13:1-7, Ephesians 5:22-24, Hebrews 13:17, I Peter 2:13-14).

(P) We believe that God has commanded that no sexual activity should be engaged in outside of a God ordained marriage between a man and a woman. We believe that any form of homosexuality, incest, fornication, adultery, and pornography are sinful perversions of God's gift of sex (Genesis 2:24, 19:5-13, 26:8-9, Leviticus 18:1-30, Romans 1:26-29, I Corinthians 5:1, 6:9, I Thessalonians 4:1-8, Hebrews 13:4).

(Q) We believe human life begins at conception and the unborn child is a living human being. Abortion constitutes the unjustified taking of unborn human life. Abortion is murder. We reject any teaching that abortion due to rape, incest, birth defects, gender selection, birth or population control are acceptable (Job 3:16, Psalms 51:5, 139:14-16, Isaiah 44:24, 49:1, Luke 1:44).

(R) We believe that every Christian, as a steward of the wealth entrusted to him, should give cheerfully to the support of the church in tithes and offerings for the relief of those in need and the spread of the Gospel (Genesis 14:20, Proverbs 3:9-10, Acts 4:34-37, I Corinthians 16:2, II Corinthians 9:6-7, Galatians 6:6, Ephesians 4:28, I Timothy 5:17-18, I John 3:17).

(S) We believe worship is given solely for God's glory and honor. Our response to God in worship, though sometimes emotional, will flow out of our sincere relationship with God (Deuteronomy 5:6-10, John 12:3-8, Romans 1:20-23, Romans 12:1-8).