

Statement of Faith

1. **We believe** in the plenary-verbal inspiration of the accepted canon of the Scriptures as originally given and that they are infallibly and uniquely authoritative and free from error of any sort in all matters with which they deal, including scientific and historical as well as moral and theological areas (I Timothy 3:16; I Corinthians 2:13).
2. **We believe** in the Eternal Godhead 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).
3. **We believe** in the creation, test and fall of man as recorded in Genesis; man's total spiritual depravity and sinfulness and his inability to attain to divine righteousness (Romans 3:10-18; 5:12).
4. **We believe** in the Lord Jesus Christ, the Savior of men, conceived of the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, completely God and completely man (Luke 1:26-35; John 1:18; Isaiah 7:14; 9:6).
5. **We believe** Christ died for our sins, was buried and rose again the third day, and personally appeared to His disciples after His resurrection (I Corinthians 15:1-4; Acts 1:3; Romans 4:25).
6. **We believe** in the bodily ascension of Jesus to heaven, His exaltation and personal, literal and bodily coming again the second time for the Church (John 14:2-3; I Thessalonians 4:13-18).
7. **We believe** in the salvation of sinners by grace, through repentance and faith in the perfect and sufficient work of the cross of Christ by which we obtain remission of sins through His shed blood (Ephesians 2:8-9; Colossians 1:13, 14; Hebrews 9:12; Romans 5:11).
8. **We believe** in the necessity of water baptism by immersion in the name of the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit, the Lord Jesus Christ, in order to fulfill the command of Christ (Matthew 28:19; Acts 2:34-39; 19:1-6).
9. **We believe** in the baptism of the Holy Spirit, with the initial evidence of speaking in tongues, as an experience subsequent to salvation (Acts 2:1-4; 2:37-38; 8:14-17; 10:44-46; 19:6; Galatians 3:14-15).
10. **We believe** in the operation of the gifts of the Spirit as enumerated in I Corinthians 12-14 and Romans 12, and as manifested in the Early Church (I Corinthians 12-14; Romans 12:6-8).

- 11. We believe** in the Spirit-filled life, a life of separation from the world and a lifestyle of perfecting holiness in the fear of God as an expression of Christian faith (Ephesians 5:18; II Corinthians 6: 14; 7:1).
- 12. We believe** in divine healing, the healing of the body by divine power, as practiced in the Early Church (Acts 4:30; Romans 8: 11; I Corinthians 12:9; James 5:14).
- 13. We believe** in the Table of the Lord, commonly called Communion or the Lord's Supper and that it provides life, health and strength for all believers (I Corinthians 11:23-30).
- 14. We believe** that the Church of Jesus Christ is the last instrument that God is using to extend His Kingdom prior to the second coming of Christ and that every believer should be identified with the local expression of the church in order to fulfill his or her divine purpose (Matthew 16:18; Ephesians 1:20-23; 3:10; 4:16).
- 15. We believe** in a literal heaven and hell, in eternal life for believers (John 5:24; 3:16) and eternal punishment for unbelievers (Mark 9:43-48; II Thessalonians 1:9; Revelation 20:10-15).
- 16. We believe** in the reality of Satan and demonic powers and in the ultimate eternal judgment of the devil and his angels (Matthew 25:41; Revelation 20:10-15).