



Doctrinal Statements



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- **We believe** in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments as verbally inspired by God and inerrant; there are no contradictions, no historical inaccuracies, and no false scientific information in the original manuscripts (II Timothy 3:16). We believe that the Old and New Testaments not only contain the Word of God, but are the Word of God in their entirety, and are the final authority in all subjects on which they speak (II Peter 1:21).

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- **We believe** in one God, eternally existing in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit (Matthew 28:18-19; Mark 12:29; John 1:14; Acts 5:3-4).

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- **We believe** that Jesus Christ was begotten by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary (Matthew 1:20-23), and is true God and true Man (John 1:1, 14).

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- **We believe** that man was created in the image of God (Genesis 1:26), from dust, as a perfectly created individual named Adam, that he sinned and thereby incurred not only physical death, but also that spiritual death which is separation from God (Genesis 2:17; 3:6; Romans 5:12); that all human beings are born with a sinful nature, and, in the case of those who reach moral responsibility, become sinners in thought, word, and deed (Romans 3:10-23).

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- **We believe** that the Lord Jesus Christ died for our sins and for the sins of the whole world (I John 2:2), was buried and bodily rose from the dead according to the Scriptures (I Corinthians 15:1-4). We believe that He died as a representative and substitutionary sacrifice, and that all who believe in Him are justified by grace on the basis of His shed blood (John 3:16; Titus 3:5). We believe that those so justified are eternally preserved (e.g. the eternally secure position of the believer in Christ, as opposed to the concept that a believer in Christ could ever lose his salvation) through the present ministries of our risen, ascended, glorified Lord Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit (John 10:27-29; Hebrews 7:25)

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- **We believe** that all who receive by faith the Lord Jesus Christ are born again of and indwelt by the Holy Spirit and thereby become children of God (John 3:3; 14:16, 17). We believe that regenerate man must walk in dependence upon the Holy Spirit in order to please God (Galatians 5:16).

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- **We believe** in "that blessed hope", the personal and imminent return of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ (John 14:1-3; I Thessalonians 4:13-18)

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- **We believe** in the bodily resurrection of the just and unjust, the everlasting blessedness of the just and the everlasting punishment of the unjust (e.g. there is no second chance in hell or the lake of fire for a restoration or universalism in salvation). A person's eternal destiny is set when they die with no hope of a second chance of salvation (I Corinthians 15:51, 52; Revelation 20:11-15).

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- **We believe** that the Church, composed of all those who truly believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as their Savior, is the Body and Bride of Christ. We believe that Christ is the Head of the Body, the Church (Ephesians 1:22, 23); that all believers are baptized into the Body of Christ by the Holy Spirit, and thus having become members of one another, we are responsible to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (I Corinthians 12:13; Ephesians 4:3)