

Doctrinal Statement

We believe:

1. That there is one living and true God, eternally existent operating in three persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Though three distinct persons, equal in Divine perfections, they operate in complete and total harmony. He is Creator and King of the universe, unchangeable in His Being, all powerful, all present, all knowing, holy, wise, just, and loving.
2. That the eternal Son of God Jesus Christ took upon Himself the form of a man by means of the virgin birth, lived a sinless life, performed miracles and healings, suffered and died for our sins bringing atonement by His shed blood, and finally was resurrected bodily and ascended to the right hand of God where He performs the ministry of intercession and will return in power and glory.
3. The Holy Spirit, the Promise of the Father, our Comforter, is sent to convict the world of sin; is the supernatural agent of God in the regeneration of the lost; indwells and fills the believers, guiding them into truth and enabling them to live godly lives, imparting spiritual gifts to the church for it's life, work and worship; and seals believers in the body of Christ for the day of redemption.
4. That the one true God revealed in the living Word, Jesus Christ, is revealed to us through the inspired scriptures, the written Word of God. The Old and New Testaments are inerrant and infallible in their original writings and are the supreme and final authority for faith and practice.
5. That man was created in the image of God with the purpose of glorifying God. Through his disobedience he sinned and was separated from God so that the entire human race shares in mans lost and deprave nature and stands guilty before God.
6. That man is powerless to save himself but regenerated by the Holy Spirit of God. Therefore salvation is the gift of God by grace alone, received through repentance and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and His work on our behalf. This faith is manifest in works pleasing to God. The inward evidence of salvation is the direct witness of the Spirit; the outward evidence to all men is a life of righteousness and true holiness.
7. That Satan is the author of sin, the cause of the fall and our continuing adversary and accuser. His defeat has been accomplished by the death and resurrection of Christ and he awaits eternal punishment at the second coming of Christ.
8. That the Church universal is composed of all regenerated believers everywhere without respect to race or denomination. The local church is comprised of born-again believers in a certain geographical area uniting under God given leadership in order to worship God, to edify the saints and to the spreading of the gospel.
9. That the ordinances of the church, by command of Christ are water baptism and the Lord's Supper. Since these are outward signs of what has occurred inwardly, they are administered to those committed to the Lordship of Christ. Baptism by immersion symbolizes the believer's union with Christ in His death, burial and resurrection. It is a public confession of Christ, performed in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The Lord's Supper is a memorial of the Lord's suffering and death as well as a reminder of His spiritual presence among us. It is to be received in an attitude of reverence and self-examination, regularly "until He comes."
10. That the baptism of the Holy Spirit is a definite experience available to all believers, which occurs following the new birth. With this infilling there is an enabling of spiritual power, opening of the believer to supernatural giftings.
11. That all of the gifts of the Spirit are for the church today and that through healing, miracles or any other supernatural gift, God may manifest his power and bring glory to his name.
12. At the end of the ages we will witness the visible, personal, glorious return of Jesus Christ. His judgment will bring about eternal salvation and life for the believer in heaven and eternal separation and punishment for the unbelieving in hell.