

# Statement of Faith

## **ARTICLE I Inspiration of the Bible**

We believe the Holy Scriptures to be the verbally-inspired Word of God in its entirety, the final authority for faith and life, without error in the original writings, infallible, and Godbreathed (II Tim. 3:1617; Matt. 5:18; II Pet. 1:2021; John 16:1213).

## **ARTICLE II The Holy Trinity**

We believe in one triune God, eternally existing in Three Persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (Deut. 6:4; II Cor. 13:14).

## **ARTICLE III The Person and Work of Christ**

We believe that the eternal Son of God became man, without ceasing to be God, having been conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary, having lived a sinless life, in order that He, the Lord Jesus Christ, might reveal God and redeem sinful men (John 1:1, 2, 14; Luke 1:35). We believe that He accomplished our redemption through His death on the cross and that our justification is made sure by His literal, physical resurrection from the dead (Rom. 3:2425; I Pet. 1:35).

## **ARTICLE IV The Holy Spirit**

We believe that the Holy Spirit, the third Person of the Trinity, though omnipresent from all eternity, took up His abode in the world in a special sense on the day of Pentecost, according to the divine promise dwells in every believer, and by His baptism, which occurs at conversion, unites all believers to Christ in one body and, that He, as the indwelling One, is the source of all power and all acceptable worship and service (John 14:1617; 16:715; I Cor. 6:19; Eph. 2:22).

## **ARTICLE V Salvation**

We believe that salvation is a gift, made available through the grace of God totally apart from meritorious works on the part of sinful men, and must be personally appropriated by faith in Jesus Christ alone (John 1:12; 5:24; Acts 4:12; Rom. 4:45; Gal. 3:1014; Eph. 2:89).

## **ARTICLE VI The Final Resurrection**

We believe in the bodily resurrection of all men, the saved to eternal life and the unsaved to judgment and everlasting punishment (Matt. 25:46; John 5:2829; 11:2526; Rev. 20:613).

## **ARTICLE VII – The Second Coming**

We believe in the sure return of the Lord Jesus Christ to establish His kingdom on earth, that this second coming will be a literal, bodily, personal return, and that His coming for His bride, the Church, constitutes the "blessed hope" set before us, for which we should be constantly looking (Matt. 24:27, 30, 40; John 14:13; I Thess. 1:10; 4:1317).