

## **STATEMENT OF FAITH**

### **THE BIBLE IS GOD'S WORD AND OUR GUIDE**

- We believe in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament as inspired by God and inerrant in the original writings, and that they are of supreme and final authority in faith and life. (2 Timothy 3:16,17; 2 Peter 1:21)

### **GOD IS FATHER, SON AND HOLY SPIRIT**

- We believe in one God, eternally existing in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. (Matthew 28:19; John 14:10, 13, 16-17, 26; 2 Corinthians 13:14)

### **EVERYONE NEEDS A SAVIOR**

- We believe that man was created in the image of God; that he sinned, and thereby incurred not only physical death, but also that spiritual death which is separation from God; and 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. (Genesis 1:26-27, 2:7; Jeremiah 17:9, Ezekiel 18:4; Romans 3:23, 5:12; Ephesians 2:3)
- We believe in "that blessed hope," the personal return of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. (John 14:3; Acts 1:11; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Titus 2:13; Revelation 1:7)

### **SALVATION COMES ONLY BY BELIEVING AND FOLLOWING JESUS**

- We believe that Jesus Christ was begotten by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, and is true God and true man. (Matthew 1:18, 23; Luke 1:35; John 17:11, 21)
- We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ died for our sins, according to the Scriptures, as a representative and substitutionary sacrifice; and that all who believe in Him are justified on the ground of His shed blood. (Isaiah 53:6; John 3:16; Romans 5:9, 12, 6:23; 1 Corinthians 15:3, 21; 1 Peter 2:24)

### **FOLLOWING JESUS MAKES US CHILDREN OF GOD**

- We believe that all who receive by faith the Lord Jesus Christ are born again of the Holy Spirit, and thereby become children of God. (John 1:12,13, 3:3; 1 Peter 1:23)
- We believe in the resurrection of the crucified body of our Lord, in His ascension into heaven, and in His present life for us there as High Priest and Advocate. (Luke 24:6; Acts 1:9; Hebrews 4:14,10:12)

### **BECOMING GOD'S CHILD IS OF ETERNAL IMPORTANCE**

- We believe that those who have been born again have everlasting life and shall not come into condemnation, but are passed from death unto life; and that the Lord Jesus Christ gives unto them eternal life and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of God's hand. (John 5:24, 10:28-29)
- We believe in the bodily resurrection of the just and unjust, the everlasting blessedness of the saved, and the everlasting punishment of the lost. (Matthew 25:46; John 3:36, 5:28-29; Revelation 20:12,15)