

Doctrinal Statement

Section 1 — The Scriptures

We believe the Bible to be the verbally inspired word of God, without error in the original writings, and the supreme and final authority in doctrine and practice for both the church and every individual Christian (2 Tim. 3:16; 2 Pet. 1:2-3). The Bible is to be believed, studied and obeyed. It is the basis for all subject matter we teach.

Section 2 — The Godhead

We believe in one God who eternally exists in three persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Each person of the Godhead possesses the same nature and attributes, but each is distinct in office and activity (Deut. 6:4; Matt.28:19).

Section 3 — Jesus Christ

We believe that Jesus Christ is the eternal Son of God, that he became man without ceasing to be God having been conceived of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. that He lived a sinless life, that he died as a substitutionary sacrifice for every human being, that He was physically raised from the dead by divine power, that he presently serves in heaven as our Intercessor and Advocate, and that He will return to earth (John 1:1, 14; 5:18; 2 Cor. 5:21; Acts 2:31-33; 1 John 2:1-2; John 14:1-2).

Section 4 — The Holy Spirit

We believe that God the Holy Spirit is a person who restrains evil in the world, convicts men of sin, regenerates those who trust Christ as Savior, baptizes them into the body of Christ, indwells them permanently, seals them unto the day of redemption, bestows spiritual gifts on each one, and controls those yielded to Him. We believe that the Spirit fully fills a believer at conversion and He draws us to Christ, unites us with Him, and assures the believer of God's acceptance and forgiveness. It is the Holy Spirit who empowers the believer to live a holy life, as He produces Christ-likeness in those who follow and cooperate with Him. It is the Spirit who gives each believer spiritual gifts for the building up of the Body of Christ. Since not every believer can have the same spiritual gift, we are all dependent upon one another for the proper functioning of the Church. The proper exercise of spiritual gifts results in unity, humility, obedience, and maturity: never in pride or division (John 16:7-11; 3:8; I Cor. 12:4-11, 13; John 14:16-17; Eph. 4:30; 5:18; I Cor. 14:22-24; Heb.2:4; I John5:14-15; Jas.5:15-16, Romans 5:14-17, Eph. 1:13, Eph. 4:13, I Cor. 12:29-30).

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Section 5— Angels

We believe that angels are spiritual beings which were created sinless. Presently angels exist in both fallen and unfallen states, the former state including Satan and his demons. We believe that Satan is a personal being who is the enemy of God and all Christians (Heb. 1:13-14; 2 Pet. 2:4; Isa. 14:12-14; Gen. 3:1-19; Heb. 2:14; Rev. 20:10).

Section 6 — Man

We believe that man was created by God as a human being and that he did not evolve from a lower form of life. We believe that he was created innocent and in the image of God. Through their own choice, Adam and Eve fell and their sin has resulted in physical and spiritual death to themselves and their posterity. We believe that man is totally depraved, that is, in no way is he able to commend himself to God. He has inherited a sinful nature, is alienated from God, and in need of salvation (Gen. 1:1, 27; Col. 1:16-17; Gen. 2:17; 3:19; Eph. 2:1-2). We believe that God administers His purpose on the earth through man under varying responsibilities, stewardships, or dispensations. These dispensations may be distinguished in Scripture through a consistent use of the normal method of biblical interpretation. We believe that God has a plan and program for Israel that is distinct from His plan and program for the church (Eph. 3:2-6, 9-11; Col. 1:25-27; Rom. 6:14; Heb. 7:18-19).

Section 7 — Salvation

We believe that salvation is a gift of God and is received by man through personal faith in Jesus Christ and His sacrifice for sin. We believe that man is justified by grace through faith apart from works, and that all true believers are kept secure in Christ by the power of God forever. Therefore, a believer cannot lose his salvation (Acts 13:38-39; Rom. 6:23; Eph. 2:8-9; Rom. 8:1, 38-39; John 10:27-30). We believe that sanctification is positional, progressive, and ultimate. Christians are called to a holy life of fellowship, service, and testimony in the power of the Holy Spirit. God will reward the faithfulness of Christians at the Judgment Seat of Christ (John 17:17; Eph. 5:25-27; Thes. 5:23; Heb. 10:10, 14; 1 Pet. 1:15-16; 1 Cor. 3:12-17; John 14:1-3; 2 Cor. 5:10).

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Section 8— The Church

We believe that the universal church, the body of Christ, is a spiritual organism composed of all genuine Christians who live between the Day of Pentecost (Acts 2) and the Rapture (I Thes. 4:16-17). A believer becomes a member of this church by the baptizing work of the Holy Spirit at the moment he trusts Christ as his Savior (I Cor. 12:13, Col. 1:18). We believe that the local church is an assembly of professing Christians who voluntarily join together in one locality to worship God, study the Bible, observe the ordinances, practice Christian fellowship, pray, evangelize the lost, and become equipped for Christian service (Acts 2:42-47; I Cor. 1:1-2; Eph. 4:11-13).

We believe that Christ instituted the ordinances of water baptism and the Lord's Supper which are to be observed by believers until He returns, and that these are the only ordinances He so appointed. By water baptism a believer identifies himself publicly with Christ and His people. Water baptism is intended to be only for believers. The Lord's Supper is a memorial of Christ's death, the elements being symbolic of His body and blood. Every believer should partake of the Lord's Supper frequently (Matt. 28:19-20; Rom. 6:1-14; I Cor. 11:23-26).

MISSION STATEMENT

This Bible Study acknowledges the Lord Jesus Christ as its Head (Col. 1:18). The Scriptures are the objective revelation of God by which He expresses His will to us as part of the universal church (2 Tim. 3:16; 2 Pet. 1:2 1). It shall be our goal to introduce individuals to the grace of God by inviting them to trust Jesus Christ as their Savior (Matt. 28:19; Acts 1:8), and to edify believers in Jesus Christ, building them up in their faith, so that they may become mature, reproducing Christians (Eph. 4:11-16). It shall be our goal to develop leaders who will be able to assume positions of responsibility in this ministry and in other churches (2 Tim. 2:2). **WE DESIRE TO EQUIP WOMEN TO STUDY GOD'S WORD AND IMPACT THEIR WORLD!**