

## **Doctrinal Statement**

<u>Bible:</u> We believe in the authority of the Bible to give us all doctrine and principles needed to shape our ministry and our lives. We believe that the King James Version is the only acceptable English Translation, and that we should use it for all teaching, preaching, and study for the English language.

<u>God:</u> We believe God is the Creator of everything, and that through His love we have a free will which allows us to choose whether to accept Him and His ways, or to deny and reject what He has made for us. All of His names, attributes, and characteristics shown to us in the Bible, all work together and do not contradict one another. Through His love, He has made a way for us to spend eternity with Him regardless of us being born with a sinful nature.

Jesus: We believe Jesus to be the Son of God. When Jesus was on Earth, He showed himself to be 100% God and 100% man. Through this miraculous phenomenon, He lived a perfect life as a man, so that He would be a fit sacrifice for the sins of the World. His purpose on Earth was not to be a good teacher or prophet, but His purpose on Earth was to shed His blood on the cross, die, and rise again three days later; and His ministry leading up to that point was to bring the people around Him to that conclusion. He is the Messiah prophesied about in the Old Testament, and He is the Savior of the World.

<u>Holy Spirit</u>: The Holy Spirit is the third part of the Trinity (God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit). The Holy Spirit was brought down at the day of Pentecost to be a Comforter for believers in Christ. The Holy Spirit enters into the life of people that have accepted the gift of Salvation through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ. The ministry of the Holy Spirit is to lead, guide, and convict the Christian as they walk through life on Earth. The Holy Spirit is God dwelling in us, and He will show us the things that God has prepared for us to take part in while on this Earth.

Man: Man was created for the purpose of fellowshiping and bringing glory to God in a way that no other creation could. With this being the purpose of man, God, in His love, gave man a free will. Our free will is meant to be used so that we could bring more glory to God, and have greater fellowship with Him by choosing to do so. The inverse means that we have the option to not have fellowship or bring glory to Him. When Adam and Eve exercised their free will to go against God's Will, that brought sin into the existence of man. Every person is born with sin, separation from God, and will continue to have separation with God into eternity, unless we use our free will to choose to have our sin removed by our Creator, through His designed means, which is the work He did for us through Salvation.



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Salvation: When sin entered man, a payment for that sin was placed on man. Any man that had sin in him after his life on Earth could not be with God for eternity, He must face eternal death in Hell. With God's immeasurable love, He designed a way for His creation to regain their fellowship with Him, and their true purpose to bring glory to Him. As the wages for sin is death, their must be a payment sufficient enough to pay for every past, present, and future sin. God decided that a payment large enough, was doable by sending His Son to Earth, live a perfect life as a man, have His blood shed like a lamb used for a blood offering, and die on a cross. For something like this to happen, and be confirmed it is indeed God, He would then resurrect Himself from the dead, sealing the work of Salvation to be done. From there the gift was given, and each person has the responsibility to accept that gift, and repent from their sin, calling on the name of the Lord. For God the work was everything, and for man, our part is very simple, but it means everything for us.

Church: We believe the church started with the foundation laid by Christ with His Disciples, then was empowered through the work of the Holy Spirit at Pentacost. We believe what a church is meant to be is laid out in the Bible. The church is a local group of believers in Jesus Christ, led by Jesus Christ, to do the work of Jesus Christ. With the church being local, that means every church is a separate body of Christ, not stemming from an overarching or universal church. The church is given by Christ the authority to Baptize new believers, and hold the remembrance of the Lord's Supper. The offices of the Church are shown to be the Deacons, and the Pastor. The Church is the bride of Christ, and will be given a special part in Heaven, being the bride of the Son of God.

End Times: We believe in the literal, historical, and grammatical interpretation of the Bible. The main things to take from this, are that the church is separate from Israel. God's focus was on Israel, but when they rejected Jesus as their Messiah, God's focus shifted to the church, being the Bride of Christ. When Jesus decides to Rapture His bride away, God's focus will turn back to Israel to bring the Tribulation that He promised to the world, after all of the events of Revelation unfolding, Jesus will be reigning, and God's work on this present Earth will be over. Because of this, We believe in the Pre-Tribulation Rapture that is clearly shown to us in the Bible.