

THE CHURCH'S STATEMENT OF FAITH

These things are most surely believed among us.

1. That the Bible is the Word of God. The sixty-six books contained in the Old and New Testaments are given by inspiration of God, and are inerrant throughout. We therefore uphold the Supernatural and absolute authority of the Holy Scriptures in all matters.

2 Peter 1:19-21 ; 2 Timothy 3:16,17 ; John 5:39 ; Matthew 5:18 ; Isaiah 8:20 ;
Proverbs 30 : 5, 6 ; Psalm 12:6, 7 ; Revelation 22:18, 19 ; John 17:17 ;
Psalm 119:89 ; Psalm 19 : 7-11

2. The Trinity of the Godhead: Father, Son and Holy Ghost. That they are Three distinct Persons but not divided. The One Sovereign, Eternal, Thrice Holy God.

Deuteronomy 6:4 ; Mark 12:29 ; James 2:19 ; 1 John 5:7 ; Matthew 3:16,17
John 15:26 ; Galatians 4:6 ; 2Corinthians 13:14 ; Isaiah 6:3 ; Genesis 1:26

3. The creation, out of nothing, of the heaven and the earth by the Word of the Almighty, and that the description in Genesis chapters one and two is an accurate, historical account given by Divine revelation.

Genesis 1:1,2 ; Romans 1:20 ; Hebrew 11:3 ; Colossians 1:16 ;
Acts 17:24 ; Jeremiah 10:12,13 ; Psalm 33:6-9

4. The reality and personality of Satan. His ongoing opposition towards God, and his final destruction.

Ezekiel 28:1-19 ; Job 2:1-7 ; Matthew 4:1-11 ; John 8:44 ; Ephesians 2:2 ; James 4:7 ;
Genesis 3:1-5,14,15 ; Zechariah 3:1,2 ; 1 Peter 5:8 ; Revelation 20:10

5. The historical fall of man and his consequent death by sin.

Genesis 3:1-24 ; Romans 5:12 ; 1 Corinthians 15:22 ; Psalm 51:5 ;
Romans 3:10-12 & 23 ; Job 14:4&15:14

6. The full Deity and perfect humanity of the Lord Jesus Christ, His God-wrought miraculous virgin birth, His holy, sinless life, His atoning death, His

physical resurrection and bodily ascension into heaven, where He now sits at the right hand of God.

John 1:1-3 ; Hebrews 1:1-13 ; John 1:14 ; Philippians 2:6-8 ; Isaiah 7:14 ; Matthew 1:18-23
Luke 1:30-35 ; Hebrews 7:26 ; 1 Peter 2:22 ; 1 John 3:5 ; 2 Corinthians 5:21
Matthew 20:28 ; John 10:11&15 ; 1 Peter 3:18 ; 1 Peter 2:24 ; Matthew 28 ; Luke 24
Mark 16 ; John 20 ; Acts 1:1-9 ; 1 Corinthians 15:3,4,12-25 ; Ephesians 1:20,21 ;
Philippians 2:9 ; Hebrews 10:12,13

7. The particular redemption of the elect. That the work of Christ was an absolute and efficacious satisfaction to God, both perceptive and penal, for all whom it was made; that all such will be effectually called and justified, will persevere to the end and be eternally secure. This effectual calling is by means of God's Word and Spirit.

John 17:2,3,9,12,20-26 ; Matthew 26:28 ; Matthew 1:21 ; Romans 8:30 ; Ephesians 1:10,11
2 Thessalonians 2:13,14 ; Ephesians 2:1-10 ; John 10:27-30 ; John 5:24 ; 1 John 5:11-13
1 Peter 1:2-5 ; 2 Timothy 2:19 ; Philippians 1:6 ; Isaiah 53

8. The necessity of repentance from sin and faith towards God.

Mark 1:15 ; Mark 6:12 ; Luke 13:3 ; Luke 24:47 ; Acts 2:38 ;
Acts 3:19 ; Acts 20:21 ; Romans 16:26

9. The necessity of good works and holy living in those professing faith in Christ. Such works are not meritorious towards salvation but are rather the evidence of genuine faith.

James 2:17,18 & 22 ; 1 John 2:3-5 ; 2 Peter 1:5-11 ; Romans 6:22 ; Ephesians 2:1-10 ;
Philippians 1:11 ; Ephesians 1:4 ; 1 Peter 1:15,16

10. The unity of the Church of which the Lord Jesus Christ Himself is the Head.

Matthew 18:20 ; Colossians 1:18 ; Ephesians 1:10,22,23 ; Ephesians 5:23,27,32
1 Corinthians 1:2 ; Ephesians 4:15,16 ; Ephesians 3:14,15 ; 1 Corinthians 5:4

11. The personal and visible return of Christ.

Acts 1:10,11 ; John 14:1-3 ; 1 Thessalonians 4:16-18 ; Revelation 22:20,21

12. The resurrection of the body.

1 Corinthians 15:22,23 & 35-57 ; 2 Corinthians 5:1-4 ; Job 19:25-27 ; Philippians 3:21
Romans 8:23 ; John 5:28,29 ; Acts 24:15

13. The day of Judgement.

Acts 17:31 ; John 5:27 ; Ecclesiastes 12:14 ; Romans 2:16 ; Matthew 12:36

14. The life everlasting of believers.

Luke 23:43 ; 2 Corinthians 5:8 ; John 11:25,26 ; 1Corinthians 15:12-22
Revelation 21:1-7 & 23-27

15. The eternal punishment of the unregenerate.

Luke 16:23 ; 2 Thessalonians 1:7-9 ; Mark 9:42-48 ; Revelation 20:10-15
