

# -= STATEMENT OF FAITH =-

## A. The Bible

All sixty-six books of the Old and New Testaments are inspired by God, and in all spiritual and moral matters the Bible is the believer's sole rule of faith and conduct (2 Tim. 3:15-17; Isa. 8:20).

# B. The Triune God

God is a triune God; the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit (Matt. 28:19; 2 Cor. 13:14).

#### **God the Father**

God the Father is one (Deut. 6:4); self-existent (Exo. 3:14); eternal (Deut. 33:27); omnipresent (Jer. 23:24); omniscient (Psa. 139:2-6); omnipotent (Rev. 15:3); Creator of heaven and earth, all creatures and men (Gen. 1); the Sustainer (Psa. 145:9-18); the most holy (Rev. 15:4); the most righteous (Isa. 45:21); the most loving (Lam. 3:22), Lord of all.

## God the Son

God the Son is the Lord Jesus Christ, who is one with the Father (Jn.10:30); equally self-existent (Jn. 1:1); worthy of the same worship (Jn. 5:23; Heb. 1:6); and glory (Jn. 17:5); the Word made flesh (Jn. 1:4); born of the Virgin Mary and conceived by the Holy Spirit (Matt. 1:18).

He lived for more than thirty-three years on earth (Lk. 3:23); never sinned (Heb. 4:15); performed miracles and signs (Jn. 11:47); was nailed on the cross to give His life as a ransom for all (Matt. 20:28; I Tim. 2:6); died and was raised on the third day (1 Cor. 15:4); ascended to heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God (Mk. 16:19); in due time He will come again (Acts 1:11; Mk. 13:26-32) to judge the church and the world (1 Pet. 4:17; 2 Cor. 5:10; Matt. 25:31-46); to establish the Millennial Kingdom (Rev. 20:1-6). Then He will reign as King forever and ever (Rev. 11:15) and His Kingdom shall have no end. (Lk. 1:33).

## **God the Holy Spirit**

The Holy Spirit is the third person of the Trinity (Matt. 28: 19). He is with the Father and Son (Acts 5:3-4; Rom. 8:9-19); co-creator of the world (Gen. 1:2; Psa. 104:30); proceeded from the Father and sent by the Son (Jn. 15:26); to convict man of sin, righteousness, and judgment (Jn. 16:8); to regenerate believer (Jn. 3:5); to guide man into all truth (Jn. 16:13); to conquer sin (Rom. 8:2); to sanctify (1 Pet. 1:2); to empower the believers' witness (Acts 1:8); to be their counselor and to be with them forever (Jn 14:16).

# C. Man

#### Fall

All men sinned because their forefather Adam was tempted by Satan (Rom. 5:12) and are corrupted (Jer 17:9; Rom. 7:18); doing all manners of evil (Rom. 1:18, 21-32).

## Redemption

Since all men have fallen and become sinners, they have fallen short of the glory of God, therefore all men need the redemption of Christ Jesus (Rom. 3:23-24). The blood of the Lord Jesus Christ that was shed on the cross is man's only means of forgiveness and redemption (Acts 4:12; 1 Pet. 1:18-19).

## Regeneration

All men are corrupt, therefore all need to be regenerated (Jn. 3:3-7).

#### Justification

Justification is by faith, through belief in Christ Jesus, not by any means of work (Rom. 3:24-28; Titus 3:5).

#### Resurrection

All the dead will resurrect (1 Cor. 15:1-19). When the Lord descends from heaven, the dead in Christ will be resurrected with glorified bodies (1 Thess. 4:16; 1 Cor. 15:35-49) to enjoy eternal life (Matt. 26:46; Jude 21). The unbelievers will resurrect after the millennium (Rev. 20:5, 13) to receive judgment of eternal punishment in hell (Matt. 25:46; Rev. 14:10-11).

# D. The Church

The church is the body of Christ (Eph. 1:23), composed of all regenerated men who were purchased by the blood of Christ (Acts 20:28; Jn. 10:16). Christ is her head (Col. 1:18); all the believers become one in Him (Gal. 3:27-28). When the Lord shall descend from heaven, all her members, the dead and the living, shall be caught up in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so shall be with the Lord forever. (1 Thess. 4:16-17).

## E. The Great Commission

The Lord Jesus said, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation" (Mk. 16:15). This is the last commission given to the church, and each believer must share in the responsibility of fulfilling it (2 Cor. 5:18-20).

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