STATEMENT OF BELIEF

THE SCRIPTURES

We believe the Scriptures, both Old and New Testaments, to be the inspired Word of God, without error in the original writings, the complete revelation of God’s will for the salvation of men, and the divine and final authority for all Christian faith and life (2 Tim. 3:16-17; John 14:26; 16:12-15).

GOD

We believe in one God (Deuteronomy 6:4), Creator of all things, infinitely perfect and eternally existing in three persons, Father, Son, and, Holy Spirit (2 Corinthians 13:14; Matthew 28:19).

JESUS

We believe that Jesus Christ is true God (John 1:1) and true man (Hebrews 2:14), having been conceived of the Holy Ghost and born of the Virgin Mary (Luke 1:34, 35). He died on the cross, a sacrifice for our sins according to the Scriptures (1 Corinthians 15:3; 20:24-29) and, ascended into heaven (Acts 1:1-9), where he is seated at the right of the Majesty on High (Colossians 3:1). He is now our High Priest and Advocate (Hebrews 7:25, 26; 1 John 2:1; Philippians 2:5-7).

HOLY SPIRIT

We believe that the ministry of the Holy Spirit is to glorify the Lord Jesus Christ (John 16:14) and during this age, to convict men (John 16:8), regenerate the believing sinner (John 3:5-8), indwell (1 Corinthians 12:13), guide, instruct (John 14:26) and, empower the believer for godly living and service (Ephesians 5:18-21).

MAN

We believe that man was created in the image of God (Genesis 1:27), but fell into sin (Genesis 3) and is therefore lost (Romans 5:12-21) and, only through regeneration by the Holy Spirit can salvation and spiritual life be obtained (John 3:5-8).

SALVATION

We believe that the shed blood of Jesus Christ and His Resurrection provide the only ground for justification and salvation for all who believe (Hebrews 9:22-28; Romans 4:25) and, only such as receive Jesus Christ are born of the Holy Spirit, and thus become children of God (John 1:10-13; 3:5-8).

BAPTISM

We believe that Water Baptism and the Lord’s Supper are ordinances to be observed by the church during the present age (Matthew 28:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26). They are, however, not to be regarded as means of salvation (Ephesians 2:8, 9).

CHURCH

We believe that the true church is composed of all such persons who through saving faith in Jesus Christ have been regenerated by the Holy Spirit and are united together in the Body of Christ, of which He is the Head (Colossians 1:18-22).

We believe that only those who are thus members of the true church shall be eligible for membership in the local church (1 Corinthians 1:2; Acts 2:47b).

We believe that Jesus is the Lord and the true Head of the Church (Colossians 1:18) and that every local church has the right under Christ to decide and govern its own affairs (Matthew 18:17; 1 Corinthians 6:4, 5).

ETERNAL SECURITY

We believe in the personal (Acts 1:11) and pre-millennial (Revelation 19:19-20:6) and imminent (Mark 13:33-37); Revelation 22:20) coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and that this “Blessed Hope” has a vital bearing on the personal life and service of the believer (Titus 2:11-14).

We believe in the bodily resurrection of the dead: of the believer to everlasting blessedness and joy with the Lord (1 Corinthians 15:51-53; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18), and of the unbeliever to judgment and everlasting punishment (Revelation 20:7-15).