

AGORACHURCH

the meeting place

STATEMENT OF FAITH^{1,2} What We Believe.

1. The Bible

We believe that all Scripture is infallible, divinely inspired by God, without error in the original manuscripts, and is the only true guide for Christian faith and practice.

John 17:17, 2 Tim 3:16-17; 2 Peter 1:20,21

2. Trinity

We believe in one God, existing eternally in three persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit and that these three are the One God, having precisely the same nature and attributes, but distinct in role and activity. Deut 6:4, Matt 28:18-19, 2 Corinthians 13:14.

3. Father

We believe that the Father is fully God; that His Fatherhood is eternal and personal and that He is the Father of our Lord Jesus and of all who believe in Christ.

1 Cor 8:6; Eph 1:3-4.

4. Son

We believe that Jesus Christ is the eternal Son of God, fully God and fully man; that He was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary; that He died as a substitute and representative for sinners; redeems us as sinful people, that He rose from the dead and ascended to heaven where He is now our High Priest and Advocate.

Isa 7:14; Matt 1:23-25; Luke 1:35; John 1:1, 14, 18; 8:58; 10:30; 20:11-24; Acts 1:10-11; Romans 3:22-26; 4:25; 1 Tim 2:5,6; 1 Peter 3:18

5. Holy Spirit

We believe that the Holy Spirit is fully God; that He dwells in every believer and seals them at conversion and by His baptism unites all believers into the Body of Christ; that in keeping with His purposes, Christ gave gifts of the Holy Spirit for the upbuilding of the church and to progressively produce fruit of Christ-like character in us.

Acts 5:3-4; Eph 1:13-14; 4:11-16; 1 Cor 13-14, 2 Cor 13:14; Heb 2:4, Rom 12:6-8; Gal 5:22-25.

6. Creation and Humanity

We believe God created all things in heaven and earth and that they exist by His power. We believe that men and women were created in the image of God; that Adam sinned and passed on a sinful nature to the human race; that all people are sinners by nature and by practice and that apart from God's salvation, men and women are lost eternally.

Gen 1:26-27; 3:1-13; Rom 1.20, 3:9-18; Col 1.15-17.

7. Salvation

We believe that salvation is initiated by the grace of God, purchased by the blood of Christ and appropriated by faith apart from good works and that all who put their faith in Christ are justified and become God's children. We believe all true believers elect of God, once saved, are kept secure in Christ forever.

John 10:27-30; Eph 2:8-10; Rom 5:6-8; Eph 1:7; Gal 2:15-16; Rom 3:21-26; 8.1, 29-30, 38-39.

8. Return of Christ

We believe in the imminent return of Christ for His church and that Christ's return to the earth after the tribulation will be followed by the millennial kingdom of Christ and the eternal state. We believe in the bodily resurrection of the just and the unjust, the former to enjoy eternal life and the latter to suffer eternal punishment. Matthew 24:15-31, John 5:28-29, John 14:1-4, Acts 1:11, Philippians 3:20, 1 Thess 4:13-18, Rev 20:1-6, Rev 21:1-4,

9. The Church

We believe that the Body of Christ is made up of all people who trust in the Lord Jesus and that local churches governed by Elders are the visible expression of Christ's Body here on earth. 1 Cor 12:12-13; Eph 1:13-14; Acts 20:17-38.

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² All references from NLT