

Doctrinal Statement

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It is not necessary for those seeking friendship and fellowship with us to believe all these things. Nevertheless, we do believe these things and they are not negotiable nor are we looking for a debate with those who might believe something else. We hope that you can find much to agree with here.

We believe in:

The unique divine inspiration, entire trustworthiness and authority of the Bible with the New Testament properly interpreting the Old Testament for Christians.

The only true God, the almighty Creator of all things, existing eternally in three persons— Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—full of love and glory.

Jesus Christ, fully human and fully divine, who lived as a perfect example, who assumed the judgment due sinners by dying in our place on a cross, and who was bodily raised from the dead and ascended as Savior and Lord in fulfillment of the words of the Old Testament prophets. Christ is the Old Testament's mysteries and types revealed openly.

Jesus Christ as the Word of God made flesh. He is the only begotten Son of the Father. He is the visible image of the invisible Father. Jesus Christ is the radiance of the Father's glory and the exact representation of the Father's nature. When Jesus Christ is seen, the Father is seen. Jesus Christ shows us the perfect expression of the Father's will.

Justification by God's grace to all who hear and believe the Gospel by repenting and putting their faith in Jesus Christ for salvation. Salvation is not dependent upon anything on this earth. No human relationship, church membership, the approval of ecclesiastical authority figures or religious works justify the believer. Faith in Christ alone makes the believer completely righteous before God.

The indwelling presence and transforming power of the Holy Spirit, who gives to all believers a new life, an eternal destiny, gifts and a new calling to obedient service.

The gifts and functions of the Spirit of Christ through believers making Christ the true pattern of ministry for all who follow Him.

The universal call of all humanity to God through the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The value, equality and dignity of all people, races and ethnic groups: Created in God's image to live in love and holiness in Jesus Christ, but alienated from God and each other because of sin and guilt, and justly subject to God's wrath without Christ.

The equality of all believers in Jesus Christ evidenced by their mutual submission to each other, leaders included, under the Lordship and guidance of Jesus Christ through the Holy Spirit.

The unity of all believers in Jesus Christ manifest in worshipping and witnessing churches making disciples throughout the world.

The restoration of the Church into a more New Testament pattern by emphasizing house churches and living in community rather than building programs, weekly religious services, top-down, clergy-dominated authority, and other legalistic ideas borrowed originally from the Law of Moses. These Dark Age patterns were first evidenced by the Medieval Roman Catholics, later by the early Protestants and are modeled by many Christian groups today without knowledge that they are not the original patterns of the Church.

The equipping of the ordinary believer to do the work of Christ-like ministry through preaching of the Gospel, teaching the Word of God and manifestation of the gifts of the Spirit.

The eternal rest of all believers who die in the Lord until the time of the return of Christ.

The victorious reign and future personal return of Jesus Christ, who will judge all people with justice and mercy, giving over the unrepentant to eternal condemnation but receiving the redeemed into eternal life.

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