



RESTORED
FELLOWSHIP

STATEMENT OF FAITH

1 | THE TRINITY (TRI-UNE GOD)

There is one living and true God who exists eternally in three distinct persons (Father, Son and Holy Spirit). They exist eternally and are equal in nature, attributes, and perfection, yet forever distinct in their relations to one another and distinct in their particular relationships both to the creation and to the actions and processes of redemption. [*John 14:26, Matthew 28:19*]

2 | THE NATURE AND CHARACTERISTICS OF GOD

God is eternal, immortal, and uncreated. God is omniscient (all knowing), omnipotent (all powerful), and omnipresent (everywhere at all times). God has graciously disclosed his existence and power in the created order, and has supremely revealed himself to fallen human beings in the person of his Son, the incarnate Word. [*Psalm 147:5, Job 42:2, Psalm 139:7-12*]

3 | SCRIPTURE

The whole of scripture is inspired, inerrant, infallible, and profitable for teaching. The canon of scripture is closed, consisting of the 66 books included in the word for word equivalent Bible translations. These writings alone constitute the verbally inspired Word of God, which is utterly authoritative and without error in the original writings, complete in its revelation of his will for salvation, sufficient for all that God requires us to believe and do, and final in its authority over every domain of knowledge to which it speaks. [*Matthew 5:17-18, 2 Timothy 3:16-17; Hebrews 1:1-2, Revelation 22:18-19*]

4 | CREATION

God created the heavens and earth in a literal seven days out of nothing (ex nihilo). God created mankind uniquely as male and female and commissioned them to care for and govern His creation, working in and ruling over all creation as God's faithful servants and stewards. [*Genesis 1-2*]

5 | SIN

Because of voluntary sin against God, Adam and Eve fell from the actively good, sinless, and innocent state in which they were first created. They became self-willed, perverse, and transgressive against God and each other. Immediately they died spiritually and also began to die physically. Consequently, for them and all their progeny, the image of God was distorted and their nature depraved and corrupted in every aspect of their being (spiritually, socially, mentally, volitionally, and emotionally). While human beings are corrupted in every aspect of their being and functioning, because of God's common grace the image of God has not been totally eradicated, and evil is not given full reign. [*Genesis 3; Romans 3:23*]

6 | THE PERSON OF JESUS

Jesus is the Son of God. He was born of a virgin, lived a sinless life on earth, died on the cross, was resurrected, ascended, and is now sitting at the right hand of God as our priestly intercessor. Faith in Jesus is the only way to the Father in Heaven. Scripture promises the imminent, personal, pretribulation, premillennial, appearance of Christ to rapture the church.

[*John 14:6; Acts 4:12; Romans 1:1-6; Hebrews 12:2; Isaiah 7:14; 1 John 4:9-10; 1 Thessalonians 1:10*]

7 | THE PERSON OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

God the Holy Spirit was sent by the Father and the Son, is divine and equal with the Father and Son, was active in creation, and came into the world to reveal and glorify Christ. The Spirit draws sinners to Christ and convicts of sin, judgment, and righteousness. From the moment of spiritual birth, He indwells believers, individually and corporately, as their Helper. By the Spirit's agency, believers are renewed, sanctified, and adopted into God's family; they participate in the divine nature and receive his sovereignly distributed gifts. [*John 14; Matthew 28:19; Genesis 1; John 3:5-6; John 16:8-11; Ephesians 4:16*]

8 | MANKIND

Man was created directly by God in His image and likeness, but through personal disobedience is a sinner in need of salvation. God created Adam and Eve in His image, male and female, and declared them "very good," granting them all the capacities of image bearers. God created them to reflect and to enjoy His glory. The creation of mankind was not a matter of evolution or evolutionary change of species, or development through long periods of time from lower to higher forms. As relational beings, God himself established marriage between one man and one woman as a representation of the loving relationship between Jesus and his bride (the Church). [*Genesis 1:27; 1 Corinthians 11:7; Genesis 2:7, 21-23; John 1:3*]

9 | FAMILY

Marriage was created by God and is a holy and divinely established covenant between one (genetically male) man and one (genetically female) woman to be a representation of the relationship between Jesus Christ and His church. The roles of husband, wife, parent, and child are clearly defined in Scripture. Marriage is the bond that joins one man and one woman in a single, exclusive union, as delineated in Scripture. We believe that God created sexual intimacy to be enjoyed exclusively between one man and one woman who are married to one another. Sexual intimacy outside the marriage relationship is sinful and offensive to God. We also believe that God offers redemption and restoration to all who confess and forsake their sin, seeking His mercy and forgiveness through Jesus Christ. *[Gen. 2:24; Matt. 15:19, 19:4; Mark 10:7; Rom. 1:21-27; 1 Cor. 6:9-20; Eph. 5:31; Heb. 13:4; 1 John 1:9; Ephesians 5:21-32; Colossians 3:16-21; 1 Peter 3:1-7]*

10 | SALVATION

Our salvation is solely a gift of God's grace alone and is realized for believers through justification by faith and not by our works, being neither merited nor secured in part or whole by any virtue or work of man. The ongoing journey of believers to be more Christ-like is called Progressive Sanctification. *[Romans 3:24; Ephesians 2:8; Colossians 3:10]*

11 | COMMUNITY/CHURCH

We come together in fellowship as believers, edifying each other and lifting up those who are weak or suffering. Every person must be afforded compassion, love, kindness, and proper respect and dignity. Hateful and harassing speech, behavior or attitudes contrary to Scripture directed toward any individual are to be repudiated. As a community of believers, we will observe the biblical Sacraments (Ordinances of the Church—Water Baptism and Communion). In the ministry of the church, both men and women are encouraged to serve Christ and to be developed to their full potential in the manifold ministries of the people of God. The distinctive leadership role within the church given to qualified men is grounded in creation, fall, and redemption and must not be sidelined by appeals to cultural developments. *[Matthew 28:19; Acts 2:42; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; Romans 15:1-2; Ephesians 4:29; 1 Timothy 3:1-13; Titus 1:5-11; Romans 12:9-21; Ephesians 4:29-5:2]*

**QUESTIONS ABOUT WHAT WE BELIEVE
OR WHY WE BELIEVE IT?**

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