

STATEMENT OF FAITH

1. THE SCRIPTURES

We believe in the plenary, verbal inspiration of the sixty-six books of the Bible. The Old and New Testaments are inerrant in the original writings, and they are the supreme and final authority in all matters of faith and practice. We believe that the Masoretic Text of the Old Testament and the Textus Receptus of the New Testament are the preserved Word of God. It is our practice to use only the King James Version.

2. THE GODHEAD

We believe in one God, eternally existing in three Persons ~ Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

3. CREATION

We believe in direct and instant creation that was completed in six literal, twenty-four-hour days. We reject any theory of evolution.

4. THE PERSON AND WORK OF JESUS CHRIST

We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ, the eternal Son of God, became man, without ceasing to be God, having been conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of a virgin that He might reveal God and redeem sinful men. This re-demption was accomplished through His death on the cross, and was made sure to us by His literal, physical resur-rection from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and is now exalted at the right hand of God the Father.

5. THE PERSON AND WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

We believe that the Holy Spirit is the Supernatural Agent in regeneration and sanctification, indwelling equally and permanently every believer and sealing him unto the day of redemption.

6. THE WAY OF SALVATION

We believe that salvation is the gift of God brought to sinful man by grace and received solely by personal faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. All who believe in Him are justified on the ground of His shed blood. We reject all theories, philosophies, and theologies that are inconsistent with the Bible. We reject the systems of Calvinism and Arminianism. We conclude biblically that Christ died for all men and that salvation is appropriated by individual choice by faith in Jesus Christ. We reject an “unconditional election” to heaven and a predetermined sentence to Hell as being unbiblical. We believe that all who receive the Lord Jesus Christ by faith are born again of the Holy Spirit, are the children of God, and are eternally secure.

7. THE DEVIL

We believe in a literal devil who was the agent in the fall of man. He is presently the prince of this world, and he will be judged and shall be eternally punished.

8. THE CHURCH

We believe that a New Testament Baptist church is a local assembly of baptized believers, assembled for worship, edification, and obedience to the Great Commission. Baptism by immersion and the Lord’s Supper are the only two ordinances of the church. The pastor and deacon are the only valid officers.

9. BIBLICAL SEPARATION

We believe all believers should honor the Lord by a life of separation from the world’s philosophies and practices. This separation should affect the believer morally, personally, and ecclesiastically. We stand in opposition to the Ecumenical Movement, New Evangelicalism, Neo-Orthodoxy, the Charismatic Movement, and Cooperative Evan-gelism between churches who are not of the same faith and practice.

10. THE RETURN OF CHRIST

We believe in the imminent rapture of the believers of this current age, followed by a literal seven-year period of tribulation upon this earth. This tribulation time will be climaxed by the return of the Lord Jesus Christ to the earth to introduce a literal millennial reign.

11. OUR ETERNAL STATE

We believe in the bodily resurrection of all men — the saved to eternal life, and the unsaved to judgment and ever-lasting punishment. We believe in a literal heaven and a literal hell.