

## ARTICLE III

### STATEMENT OF DOCTRINE

Section A: The Bible

We believe in the Holy Scriptures as originally given, to be the verbally inspired Word of God, absolutely authoritative and infallible. (II Timothy 3:16-17; II Peter 1:20-21)

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Section B: The Trinity

We believe in one God, eternally existing in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. (Duet. 6:4; II Cor. 13:14).

Section C: Jesus Christ

We believe in the deity of the Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His substitutionary and atoning death through His shed blood, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father and in His coming again in power and great glory. (Luke 1:35; I Cor. 14:1-4).

Section D: The Total Depravity of Man

We believe that All have sinned and are lost through the sin of Adam when he fell from his sinless state thus alienating all men from God. (Romans 3:23; Isaiah 53:6)

Section E: Salvation

We believe that man is saved and justified by faith in the shed blood of Christ (Romans 5:1-19; Hebrews 9:22; I John 1:7) and that he is born again by grace, through faith apart from works. (Ephesians 2:8-9; Galatians 2:16)

Section F: The Holy Spirit

We believe that the Holy Spirit is a divine person equal with God the Father and God the Son, that He was active in the Creation, that He restrains the evil one in our unbelieving world until God's purpose is fulfilled, that He convicts of sin, judgment and righteousness, that He bears witness to the Truth of the gospel in preaching and testimony, that He is the agent in the New Birth, and that He seals, baptizes, indwells, guides, teaches, witnesses, sanctifies and

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Section F: The Holy Spirit, cont.

helps the believer. The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness and temperance and is the evidence of His indwelling of the believer. (John 14:16-17; Matthew 28:19; Hebrews 9:14; John 14:26; Luke 1:35)

Section G: Satan

We believe that Satan is a person who is a deceiver of mankind and the unholy god of this age. He is the author of all the power of darkness and is destined to the judgment of an eternal Lake of Fire. (Matthew 4:13; II Corinthians 4:4; Rev. 20-10.)

Section H: Heaven and Hell

We believe that Heaven is a place prepared for all born-again believers. (John 14:16) We believe also that Hell is a place prepared for the devil and his angels (Matthew 25:41) and those who die in unbelief. (Luke 16:19-31; Revelation 21:8)

Section I: The Church

We believe in the Church, the body and future Bride of Christ, consisting only of those who are born-again for whom He now makes intercession in Heaven and for whom He shall come again. (I Corinthians 12:12-13; Ephesians 5:23, Hebrews 9:24-28).

Section J: The Resurrection

We believe in the resurrection of the saved to everlasting life and blessedness and the resurrection of the unsaved to everlasting punishment. (John 5:28-29)

Section K: Second Coming of Christ

We believe in the second coming of Christ from

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Heaven in a personal, visible, unrevealed and glorious manner. He will resurrect the dead in Christ and translate the living believers as they are raptured from the earth. (John 14:3; Acts 1:11; I Thessalonians 4:16-17; I Corinthians 15:42-44 and 15:22).

Section L: The Local Church

We believe in the establishment and continuance of the local church. (Hebrews. 10:25; Revelation. 2:3)

Section M: The Ordinances

We believe that Christ instituted the ordinances of baptism and the Lord's Supper to be observed until He returns. (Matthew. 28:19; I Cor. 11:23-26)

Section N: The Great Commission

We believe in Christ's commission to go to all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. (Matt. 28:19-20)