



Doctrinal Statement

1. The Holy Scriptures

Statement of Faith

- We believe that The Holy Scriptures bear the marks of divinity in themselves, displaying the majesty, unity, power, and perfection of God's truth. Though the church testifies to them and rightly honors them, their authority depends not on any human witness but wholly on God, their Author. The believer's full assurance of their truth arises from the inward testimony of the Holy Spirit, who confirms the Word to the heart.
- We believe that the Holy Scriptures, consisting of the sixty-six books of the Old and New Testaments, are the very Word of God- fully inspired by the Holy Spirit, without error in all they affirm, and the final authority for faith and practice. These books were not chosen by the church but received as Scripture, because they were already the Word of God by divine inspiration. The Scriptures reveal the character, purposes, and redemptive plan of God, centered in Jesus Christ, and are the supreme standard by which all human conduct, creeds, and opinions must be tested.
- We affirm that divine inspiration extends to every word of Scripture (verbal plenary inspiration), making the Bible completely trustworthy. While human authors wrote according to their own styles and contexts, they were superintended by the Holy Spirit so that what they wrote was precisely what God intended.
- We believe that Scripture is sufficient for everything pertaining to life and godliness. It is the living and active Word through which the Holy Spirit brings conviction, instruction, and transformation to the believer. No new revelation outside of Scripture is necessary or authoritative for the Church today.
- The illumination of the Holy Spirit enables believers to understand, apply, and obey the Word of God. The Scriptures are to be interpreted according to their grammatical-historical context and always in light of the revelation of Jesus Christ, the incarnate Word.

Scripture References

- *Inspiration & Authority:* 2 Timothy 3:16–17; 2 Peter 1:20–21; Psalm 19:7–9
- *Inerrancy & Trustworthiness:* Proverbs 30:5; John 17:17
- *Sufficiency:* 2 Peter 1:3–4; Deuteronomy 29:29
- *Permanence & Power:* Isaiah 40:8; Hebrews 4:12; Matthew 24:35
- *Illumination:* 1 Corinthians 2:12–14; John 14:26; Psalm 119:105

2. The Triune God

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- We believe in one true and living God, eternally existing in three distinct persons- Father, Son, and Holy Spirit- each equally and fully God, sharing the same divine essence, yet distinct in person and function. God is infinite in holiness, wisdom, power, love, justice, and truth. He is self-existent, self-sufficient, unchanging, and sovereign over all things.
- God has revealed Himself in the created order, in the written Word, and most fully in the person of His Son, Jesus Christ. From eternity past, God purposed all things according to the counsel of His own will for His glory and the good of His people. He is the Creator, Sustainer, and Ruler of all that exists, and nothing comes to pass apart from His divine decree and providence.
- The Father is the source and initiator of all things, the architect of creation and redemption. The Son, eternally generated and proceeding of the Father, is the Word made flesh who accomplishes the Father's will in creation, redemption, and judgment. The Holy Spirit proceeds from the Father and the Son, applying the work of redemption, indwelling believers, and empowering the church for witness and sanctification.
- We confess that the mystery of the Trinity is beyond full human comprehension yet is clearly revealed in Scripture. The unity of the Godhead does not diminish the personal distinctions among the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, nor does their distinct work divide their divine essence.

Scripture References

- *Unity of God:* Deuteronomy 6:4; Isaiah 45:5–6; 1 Corinthians 8:4–6

- *Trinity Revealed*: Matthew 28:19; 2 Corinthians 13:14; John 14:16–17
- *Attributes of God*: Exodus 34:6–7; Psalm 90:2; Malachi 3:6; James 1:17
- *Father*: John 6:37–40; Ephesians 1:3–6
- *Son*: John 1:1–3, 14; Colossians 1:15–20; Hebrews 1:1–3
- *Holy Spirit*: John 14:26; 16:7–14; Titus 3:5–6; Romans 8:9–11

3. God's Decree and Providence

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- We believe that God, from all eternity, according to the counsel of His own perfect will and for the praise of His glory, has sovereignly decreed all things that come to pass. Nothing occurs apart from His divine purpose and permission. God's decrees are not arbitrary but flow from His infinite wisdom, holiness, and goodness. In His sovereignty, He ordains all things while never being the author of sin or the destroyer of human responsibility.
- We affirm that God's providence is His continual involvement with all creation, whereby He upholds, directs, and governs every event to fulfill His eternal purposes. His providence extends from the smallest detail to the greatest movement of history, accomplishing all things according to His will.
- God's sovereign plan includes the redemption of His elect, whom He chose in Christ before the foundation of the world, not on the basis of foreseen faith or works but solely according to His mercy and grace. This divine election guarantees that all whom the Father has given to the Son will come to faith through the effectual work of the Holy Spirit and will persevere to glory.
- The providence of God does not nullify the genuine choices and responsibilities of His creatures but establishes them as the means by which His purposes are fulfilled. Thus, His sovereignty and human accountability exist in perfect harmony under His divine wisdom.

Scripture References

- *Divine Sovereignty*: Psalm 115:3; Isaiah 46:9–10; Daniel 4:35; Ephesians 1:11
- *God's Eternal Decree*: Romans 8:28–30; Ephesians 1:3–6; 2 Timothy 1:9
- *Providence*: Psalm 103:19; Hebrews 1:3; Colossians 1:16–17; Acts 17:24–28
- *Human Responsibility*: Genesis 50:20; Philippians 2:12–13; Romans 9:19–21
- *Divine Election*: John 6:37–39; John 10:27–29; Romans 9:10–16; 2 Thessalonians 2:13–14

4. Creation and Humanity

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- We believe that in the beginning, God created all things out of nothing, by His Word and for His glory. All creation was declared “very good,” displaying His divine power, wisdom, and goodness. God created the heavens, the earth, and all living things in six literal days, and He continues to sustain and govern His creation by the power of His Word.
- We believe that humanity was uniquely created in the image and likeness of God, male and female, equal in dignity and worth, distinct in role and function. God made humanity to know Him, reflect His character, exercise stewardship over creation, and live in fellowship with Him. The human body, gender, and personhood are gifts of God's design, not subject to self-determination but grounded in His creative purpose.
- Adam was created upright and innocent, in perfect fellowship with God, serving as the representative head of the human race. Through Adam's disobedience, sin entered the world, and death spread to all people. As a result, every person is born with a sinful nature, spiritually dead, and alienated from God.
- Yet, even in humanity's fall, God revealed His purpose of redemption, promising that through the offspring of the woman, the curse of sin and death would be conquered. This promise finds its ultimate fulfillment in Jesus Christ, the second Adam, who restores the image of God in those who are redeemed.

Scripture References

- *Creation by God*: Genesis 1:1, 26–31; Psalm 33:6, 9; John 1:1–3; Colossians 1:16–17
- *Humanity in God's Image*: Genesis 1:26–27; 2:7; Psalm 8:3–6
- *Gender and Marriage Design*: Genesis 2:18–24; Matthew 19:4–6; Ephesians 5:22–33
- *The Fall and Its Consequences*: Genesis 3:1–19; Romans 5:12–19; Ephesians 2:1–3
- *Redemption in Christ*: Romans 5:17–19; 1 Corinthians 15:21–22, 45–49; Colossians 3:9–10

5. The Fall of Man and Sin

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- We believe that sin entered the world through the voluntary disobedience of Adam and Eve, who were created upright and free from sin. By yielding to temptation and violating the command of God, they brought spiritual death upon themselves and all their descendants. Thus, the entire human race fell in Adam, becoming separated from God, subject to His wrath, and corrupted in every part of their being—mind, heart, and will.

- We affirm that sin is not merely the result of human weakness or environment but a deep moral and spiritual corruption inherited from Adam. Every person is born with a sinful nature and stands guilty before a holy God. This total depravity renders mankind incapable of pleasing God, seeking Him, or turning to Him apart from divine grace.
- Because of sin, all people are under the just condemnation of God and are deserving of eternal punishment. Sin affects not only the individual but all creation, bringing disorder, decay, and death into the world. Humanity's greatest problem is not external but internal—the alienation of the heart from God.
- Yet in His mercy, God did not abandon mankind in sin but purposed redemption through His Son, Jesus Christ, who would destroy the works of the devil and deliver His people from the curse of sin and death.

Scripture References

- *The Fall and Its Consequence:* Genesis 3:1–19; Romans 5:12–19; 1 Corinthians 15:21–22
- *Sin's Pervasiveness:* Psalm 51:5; Jeremiah 17:9; Romans 3:9–18, 23
- *Spiritual Death and Inability:* Ephesians 2:1–3; Romans 8:7–8; John 6:44, 65
- *Condemnation and Wrath:* Romans 1:18; 2:5–8; John 3:36
- *Hope of Redemption:* Genesis 3:15; 1 John 3:8; Romans 5:8–10

6. God's Plan of Redemption

Statement of Faith

- We believe that before the foundation of the world, God sovereignly purposed to redeem a people for Himself through Jesus Christ, to the praise of His glorious grace. This plan of redemption arises solely from His mercy, not from any foreseen faith, merit, or human will. From eternity past, God chose in Christ those whom He would save, ordaining every event to bring about His redemptive purpose in time.
- God the Father is the author of salvation, having chosen His people in Christ. The Son is the Redeemer, who, through His life, death, and resurrection, accomplished all that was necessary for their salvation. The Holy Spirit applies the benefits of Christ's work to the elect, bringing them from spiritual death to life through regeneration and faith.
- We affirm that divine election is unconditional and rooted in the sovereign grace of God alone. It does not destroy human responsibility but ensures that those whom God calls will freely respond in repentance and faith as the Spirit awakens their hearts. The grace of God in salvation is effectual, unfailingly accomplishing the redemption of all whom God has purposed to save and securing their perseverance unto glory.
- This plan of redemption reveals both the justice and mercy of God—justice in that sin is punished in Christ, and mercy in that sinners are freely pardoned through faith in Him. It is a display of His love and sovereignty, ensuring that no one may boast before Him.

Scripture References

- *Eternal Purpose of God:* Ephesians 1:3–11; 2 Timothy 1:9; Romans 8:28–30
- *Divine Election:* John 6:37–39, 44–45; Romans 9:10–24; 2 Thessalonians 2:13–14
- *Redemption through Christ:* Matthew 1:21; John 10:11, 27–29; Titus 2:11–14
- *Work of the Spirit:* John 3:5–8; Titus 3:4–7; 1 Corinthians 2:12–14
- *Assurance and Perseverance:* Philippians 1:6; John 10:28–29; Romans 8:38–39

7. The Person and Work of Jesus Christ

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- We believe that Jesus Christ, the eternal Son of God, is truly God and truly man— one person with two distinct natures, divine and human, united without confusion or division. He was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, lived a sinless life, and perfectly fulfilled the will of His Father. He is the image of the invisible God, the radiance of His glory, and the exact representation of His nature.
- We believe that Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners, voluntarily taking on human flesh and humbling Himself to the point of death. Through His penal substitutionary atonement on the cross, He bore the wrath of God in the place of His people, providing full atonement for their sins. His death was a perfect and sufficient offering, reconciling all who believe to God.
- We affirm that Jesus Christ was buried and rose bodily from the dead on the third day, conquering sin, death, and Satan. His resurrection vindicates His righteousness, secures our justification, and guarantees the believer's future resurrection. Forty days later, He ascended bodily into heaven, where He now sits at the right hand of the Father as our High Priest, Advocate, and Mediator, interceding for His own and ruling over all things.
- We believe that Christ will personally and visibly return to earth in power and glory to judge the living and the dead and to establish His millennial kingdom in fulfillment of God's promises. He will reign on the earth as King of kings and Lord of lords, and every knee will bow before Him.

Scripture References

- *Deity and Humanity of Christ:* John 1:1, 14; Colossians 1:15–20; Hebrews 1:1–3; Philippians 2:5–11
- *Virgin Birth and Sinless Life:* Luke 1:26–35; 2 Corinthians 5:21; Hebrews 4:15

- *Atoning Work*: Isaiah 53:4–6; Romans 3:24–26; 1 Peter 2:24; 1 John 2:2
- *Resurrection and Ascension*: Matthew 28:5–7; Acts 1:9–11; Romans 4:25; Hebrews 7:24–27
- *Mediatorial Role*: 1 Timothy 2:5; Hebrews 9:11–15; Romans 8:34
- *Second Coming and Reign*: Revelation 19:11–16; 20:1–6; Zechariah 14:4–9; 1 Thessalonians 4:16–17

8. The Holy Spirit

Statement of Faith

- We believe that the Holy Spirit is the eternal third Person of the Triune God- co-equal and co-eternal with the Father and the Son. He is not an impersonal force but a divine Person who glorifies Christ, convicts the world of sin, and applies the benefits of salvation to the elect. The Spirit was active in creation, inspiration of Scripture, and the entire redemptive plan of God.
- We believe that the Holy Spirit is the agent of regeneration, bringing the spiritually dead to life and enabling faith and repentance in those whom the Father has chosen and the Son has redeemed. He indwells every believer permanently at the moment of conversion, sealing them as God's possession and empowering them for godly living.
- The Holy Spirit sanctifies believers, producing spiritual fruit and conforming them to the image of Christ. He equips the Church through spiritual gifts for service, edification, and the advancement of the gospel. These gifts are distributed according to His sovereign will and are to be exercised in love and order, always subject to the authority of Scripture.
- We affirm that the Holy Spirit continues to convict the world, empower believers, guide the Church into truth, and bear witness to Christ. He unites believers into one body, the Church, and serves as the guarantee of our inheritance until the day of redemption.

Scripture References

- *Personhood and Deity*: Acts 5:3–4; 2 Corinthians 3:17–18; John 14:16–17
- *Role in Salvation*: John 3:5–8; Titus 3:4–7; 1 Corinthians 2:12–14; Ephesians 1:13–14
- *Indwelling and Sealing*: Romans 8:9–11; 1 Corinthians 6:19–20; Ephesians 4:30
- *Sanctification*: Galatians 5:22–25; 2 Thessalonians 2:13; Romans 15:16
- *Spiritual Gifts and Empowerment*: 1 Corinthians 12:4–11; Romans 12:6–8; 1 Peter 4:10–11
- *Unity and Assurance*: 1 Corinthians 12:13; Ephesians 2:18–22; Romans 8:15–17

9. Salvation

Statement of Faith

- We believe that salvation is the gracious work of God by which He rescues sinners from sin and death, reconciles them to Himself through Jesus Christ, and restores them to everlasting life. It is entirely the work of divine grace from beginning to end- planned by the Father, accomplished by the Son, and applied by the Holy Spirit. No part of salvation depends on human merit, works, or will, but wholly upon the sovereign mercy of God.

Regeneration

- We believe that regeneration, or the new birth, is a supernatural work of the Holy Spirit in which He imparts spiritual life to those who are dead in sin. This new life is not the result of human decision but of God's sovereign initiative, producing repentance and faith as the immediate fruits of regeneration. The regenerated person is a new creation, with new desires and a heart inclined toward God.

Justification

- We believe that justification is a judicial act of God by which He declares sinners righteous solely on the basis of the righteousness of Christ imputed to them, received through faith alone as the instrument of justification. It is not achieved by human effort or works but is received by faith apart from works. The believer's sin is fully pardoned through Christ's substitutionary death, and His perfect obedience is credited to their account, granting them peace with God.

Adoption

- We believe that those justified by faith are also adopted as children of God, brought into His family, and given the Spirit of sonship. As His children, believers enjoy the privileges of divine care, discipline, and inheritance, being united together as brothers and sisters in Christ.

Sanctification

- We believe that sanctification is both positional and progressive. Positionally, every believer is set apart to God at the moment of salvation. Progressively, through the Word and the Spirit, the believer grows in holiness and Christlikeness throughout life. Though sin remains, its power is broken, and believers are called to pursue righteousness by the strength of the Spirit.

Perseverance and Glorification

- We believe that all whom God has chosen and redeemed will persevere in faith and obedience to the end. This perseverance is not maintained by human effort but by the power of God who keeps His own. At death, the believer's soul enters the presence of Christ, awaiting the resurrection of the body at His return, when they will be glorified and conformed perfectly to His image.

Scripture References

- *Salvation by Grace Alone*: Ephesians 2:4–9; Titus 3:4–7; Jonah 2:9

- *Regeneration*: John 3:3–8; 2 Corinthians 5:17; James 1:18; 1 Peter 1:3
- *Justification*: Romans 3:21–26; 4:4–5; 5:1; Galatians 2:16
- *Adoption*: John 1:12–13; Romans 8:14–17; Galatians 4:4–7; 1 John 3:1
- *Sanctification*: John 17:17; Romans 6:19–22; Philippians 2:12–13; 1 Thessalonians 4:3–4
- *Perseverance and Glorification*: John 10:27–29; Romans 8:28–30, 38–39; Philippians 1:6; 1 John 5:11–13

10. The Church

Statement of Faith

- We believe that the Church is the people of God, composed of all who have been regenerated by the Holy Spirit and united to Jesus Christ through faith. It is both universal and local- the universal Church being the spiritual body of Christ composed of all believers of every age, and the local church being a visible expression of that body gathered for worship, fellowship, discipleship, and mission.
- Christ is the sole Head and Chief Shepherd of the Church. He governs His people through His Word and by the Holy Spirit. Under His authority, local churches are to appoint qualified elders and deacons who lead and serve according to the principles established in Scripture. Every member shares in the responsibility to preserve the unity of the Spirit, to exercise their gifts for the building up of the body, and to engage in gospel witness to the world.
- We believe the local church is autonomous under Christ's lordship and accountable to Him alone, though it may cooperate with other like-minded churches for fellowship and mission. The gathered church is to devote itself to the teaching of the Word, prayer, worship, the ordinances, mutual care, and the proclamation of the gospel.

The Ordinances

- We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ has instituted two ordinances for His Church: baptism and the Lord's Supper- to be observed until His return.
 - Baptism is the immersion of a believer in water in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, symbolizing the believer's identification with the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ, the forgiveness of sins, and newness of life. Through baptism, the believer publicly professes faith in Christ and is visibly joined to the body of Christ, identifying with the Church as the community of the redeemed. It marks one's entrance into the fellowship and accountability of the local church, expressing both personal faith and corporate belonging within the family of God.
 - The Lord's Supper is a memorial meal instituted by Christ for His disciples, in which believers remember His substitutionary death, proclaim His resurrection, and anticipate His return. It is a time of self-examination, thanksgiving, and renewed commitment to Christ and His body.
- While the ordinances themselves do not convey saving grace, they are nevertheless means of grace- divinely appointed acts through which God strengthens the faith of believers, deepens communion with Christ, and builds up the unity of the Church. Through faithful participation, the Spirit ministers to the hearts of God's people, nourishing them spiritually and affirming their shared identity in the gospel.
- These ordinances, therefore, serve as visible expressions of the gospel and as instruments of sanctification for the Church's continual edification.

Church Discipline and Fellowship

- We believe that the Church exists as a family of families, a covenant community of believers united by faith in Jesus Christ and indwelt by the Holy Spirit. As members of one body, we belong not only to Christ but also to one another, sharing in both privilege and responsibility. The Church is therefore a household of faith where believers live in mutual commitment, love, and accountability before God.
- God calls every believer to active participation in the life of the local church- for worship, discipleship, fellowship, service, and mission. This fellowship is not optional but essential, expressing our obedience to Christ and our devotion to His people. Within this family, believers are to bear one another's burdens, encourage one another in holiness, and build one another up in love and truth.
- We believe that church discipline is a vital expression of this familial love and covenantal responsibility. It is not punitive but restorative, aimed at protecting the purity of the church, preserving the honor of Christ, and restoring the one who has fallen. Discipline is exercised with humility, gentleness, and prayer, following the biblical pattern outlined by our Lord and His apostles.
- Members of the church are accountable to Christ and to one another. In belonging to the household of faith, each believer commits to walk in integrity, to submit to godly leadership, and to pursue reconciliation when conflict arises. In this way, the church displays the unity of the Spirit and bears witness to the transforming power of the gospel.
- The fellowship of believers is therefore both relational and missional- rooted in shared faith, shaped by shared holiness, and expressed through shared mission. Together, we reflect God's design for His people to live as one spiritual family, devoted to Christ and to one another for the glory of God.

Scripture References

- *Nature of the Church*: Matthew 16:18; Ephesians 1:22–23; 1 Corinthians 12:12–27; 1 Peter 2:9–10
- *Local Church Function*: Acts 2:42–47; 1 Timothy 3:14–15; Hebrews 10:24–25

- *Leadership*: Acts 14:23; 1 Timothy 3:1–13; Titus 1:5–9; 1 Peter 5:1–4
- *Ordinances*: Acts 2:41–42; Romans 6:3–4; 1 Corinthians 10:16–17; 11:23–29, 12:12–13, Galatians 3:27–28, Colossian 2:12
- *Discipline and Fellowship*: Matthew 18:15–20; Galatians 6:1–2; 2 Thessalonians 3:14–15

11. Christian Conduct and the Christian Life

Statement of Faith

- We believe that all who are redeemed by the grace of God are called to live in a manner worthy of their calling- to walk in holiness, humility, love, and truth. The Christian life is not a life of self-effort but of continual dependence on the Holy Spirit, who enables believers to grow in conformity to Christ.
- The believer's obedience flows not from fear or merit but from gratitude for the mercy received in Christ. God's grace not only saves but transforms, teaching us to deny ungodliness and worldly desires and to live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age. The Christian life is a pursuit of holiness rooted in faith, empowered by grace, and sustained through fellowship with God and His people.
- We believe that believers are called to exercise faithful stewardship over their time, resources, relationships, and spiritual gifts. They are to engage the world as salt and light, bearing witness to Christ in their homes, workplaces, and communities. Every sphere of life is sacred, and every act of obedience- however small- is an expression of worship when done unto the Lord.
- Prayer, Scripture meditation, fellowship, and the ordinances are essential disciplines for spiritual growth. Through these means, believers abide in Christ, resist temptation, and bear fruit to the glory of God.

Civil Government and Public Life

- We believe that civil authority is established by God for the good order of society and the restraint of evil. Christians are to respect, pray for, and submit to governing authorities insofar as such obedience does not require disobedience to God. Our ultimate allegiance belongs to Christ, the King of kings, and our conduct in the public sphere should reflect His righteousness, justice, and compassion.
- Believers are called to live peaceably with all, to pursue justice, and to do good to all people as opportunities arise. The Church's primary mission, however, is not political reform but gospel proclamation and disciple-making, through which the hearts of people- and ultimately societies- are transformed.

The Church as the Context for the Christian Life

- We believe that the Christian life is to be lived within the community of faith, where believers share life together as a family of families. The Church is the environment in which spiritual growth takes place, where encouragement, accountability, and service are practiced. The call to holiness is not an individual pursuit alone but a corporate calling, as each member contributes to the maturity and witness of the whole body.

Scripture References

- *Sanctified Living*: Romans 12:1–2; Galatians 5:16–26; Ephesians 4:1–3; Titus 2:11–14
- *Dependence on the Spirit*: John 15:4–5; Galatians 2:20; Philippians 2:12–13
- *Stewardship and Witness*: Matthew 5:13–16; Colossians 3:17, 23–24; 1 Peter 2:12
- *Prayer and Discipline*: Matthew 6:9–13; 1 Thessalonians 5:16–18; Acts 2:42
- *Civil Government*: Romans 13:1–7; 1 Peter 2:13–17; Acts 5:29
- *Community and Accountability*: Hebrews 10:23–25; Galatians 6:1–2; Ephesians 4:11–16

12. Marriage, Family, and Gender

Statement of Faith

- We believe that marriage and family are divine institutions established by God for the flourishing of humanity and the display of His covenantal love. Marriage is a sacred union between one man and one woman, designed by God to be lifelong, exclusive, and reflective of the relationship between Christ and His Church. God created mankind as male and female, equal in dignity and worth yet distinct in role and function, to complement one another in the fulfillment of His purposes.
- We affirm that gender is a good and intentional part of God's creative design. It is biologically determined by God and integral to personal identity. Any attempt to redefine or alter one's gender identity or the biblical definition of marriage is contrary to Scripture and the created order.
- The family is the foundational social unit of human life and a microcosm of the Church, designed to be a place of love, order, discipleship, and growth in godliness. Parents are entrusted with the responsibility of nurturing their children in the discipline and instruction of the Lord, modeling the gospel through daily faithfulness.
- Marriage and family exist not merely for personal fulfillment but for the glory of God. Husbands are called to loving leadership that reflects Christ's sacrificial headship; wives are called to willing and joyful submission that reflects the Church's devotion to Christ. Together, they display the beauty of God's design for unity, complementarity, and mutual care.

Family and the Household of Faith

- We believe that the Church is a family of families, a household of believers who together represent God's redemptive community on earth. As members of this spiritual family, single and married believers alike belong to one another in Christ. The church provides spiritual family for the fatherless, support for the weak, and encouragement for every household to live in faithfulness to God's design.
- Families, therefore, are not isolated units but participants in the broader mission of the Church. As families grow in grace, they strengthen the witness and vitality of the local body. The health of the church depends upon the spiritual health of its families, and the strength of families is sustained through their integration within the life of the church.

Scripture References

- *Creation and Design*: Genesis 1:26–28; 2:18–24; Matthew 19:4–6
- *Marriage and Covenant*: Ephesians 5:22–33; Hebrews 13:4; Malachi 2:14–16
- *Gender and Identity*: Deuteronomy 22:5; Romans 1:26–27; 1 Corinthians 11:11–12
- *Family and Parenting*: Deuteronomy 6:6–9; Psalm 127:3–5; Ephesians 6:1–4; Colossians 3:18–21
- *The Church as Family*: Galatians 6:10; Ephesians 2:19; 1 Timothy 3:15; Titus 2:1–8

13. Last Things (Eschatology)

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- We believe that God is bringing all things in history to their consummation in Jesus Christ, the exalted Lord over heaven and earth. The culmination of this redemptive plan will be marked by the personal, visible, and glorious return of Jesus Christ to establish His kingdom in its fullness.
- We affirm a premillennial framework- one in which God's sovereign plan unfolds in distinct yet connected administrations of His grace, each revealing more fully the purpose of redemption centered in Christ. While Israel and the Church remain distinct in God's design, they share in one overarching plan of salvation and kingdom promise that finds its fulfillment in the Lord Jesus Christ.
- Christ is presently reigning at the right hand of the Father, exercising spiritual authority over His Church. Yet His kingdom will reach its complete and visible realization when He returns to earth to judge the nations and to reign bodily for a thousand years. During this millennial kingdom, God's promises to Israel will be literally fulfilled, and the nations will experience the righteousness and peace of Christ's reign.
- Prior to this kingdom age, there will be a period of tribulation- a time of divine judgment and purification preparing the world for Christ's return. At His coming, the dead in Christ will rise first, and those who are alive and remain will be transformed, caught up to meet the Lord. Christ will then return in glory to defeat His enemies, bind Satan, and establish His throne upon the earth.
- After the millennium, Satan will be released for a brief rebellion before his final defeat and eternal judgment. Then will come the great white throne judgment, where all unbelievers will be consigned to everlasting punishment, while the redeemed will enter the new heavens and new earth to dwell forever with the Lord.

Scripture References

- *Christ's Return and Kingdom*: Matthew 24:29–31; Acts 1:9–11; Revelation 19:11–16; 20:1–6
- *Already/Not Yet Kingdom*: Luke 17:20–21; Colossians 1:13; Hebrews 2:8–9; Revelation 11:15
- *Promises to Israel*: Jeremiah 31:31–34; Ezekiel 37:21–28; Romans 11:25–29
- *Tribulation and Judgment*: Daniel 12:1; Matthew 24:21–22; Revelation 6–18
- *Resurrection and Final State*: 1 Thessalonians 4:13–18; 1 Corinthians 15:51–57; Revelation 20:11–15; 21:1–5

14. The Gospel Mission

Statement of Faith

- We believe that the mission of the Church flows from the very heart of God, who sent His Son to redeem sinners and His Spirit to empower the proclamation of the gospel to all nations. The gospel- the good news of Jesus Christ's life, death, resurrection, and coming kingdom- is the power of God unto salvation for everyone who believes.
- The Church exists as both the instrument and the witness of God's redemptive work in the world. Every believer is called to participate in the mission of making disciples of all nations, baptizing them, and teaching them to obey all that Christ has commanded. This mission is not optional but essential, rooted in the Great Commission and sustained by the promise of Christ's presence until the end of the age.
- We believe that the advancement of the gospel takes place through the faithful preaching of the Word, the demonstration of Christlike love, the planting of local churches, and the equipping of believers for ministry. The Church fulfills its mission by proclaiming repentance and forgiveness of sins in Christ's name and by embodying the transforming power of the gospel through word and deed.

The Church's Mission in Redemptive History

- We affirm that the mission of the Church unfolds within God's larger redemptive plan, culminating in the uniting of all things in Christ. In the present age, the Church is the primary means through which the kingdom of God is being extended, though its fullness awaits Christ's return. The Church stands as a preview of the coming kingdom, demonstrating the righteousness, peace, and unity that will one day fill the earth.

- The Great Commission reveals the ongoing purpose of God in history- the same God who called Abraham to be a blessing to all nations now calls the Church to carry that blessing to every tribe, tongue, and people through the proclamation of Jesus Christ. The gospel mission anticipates the day when the glory of the Lord will cover the earth as the waters cover the sea.

The Motivation and Power of Mission

- We believe that the motivation for mission is not human ambition but divine compassion. The love of Christ compels His people to share the message of reconciliation, knowing that God makes His appeal through us. The sovereignty of God in salvation ensures that the labor of the Church is never in vain, for He will draw His elect from every nation and people to Himself.
- Empowered by the Holy Spirit, the Church proclaims the gospel with boldness, endures suffering with hope, and serves the world with humility. The assurance of Christ's return gives urgency to evangelism, endurance in hardship, and joy in service. The mission of the Church will be completed when Christ returns to reign in glory, and people from every nation will worship before His throne.

Scripture References

- *The Great Commission:* Matthew 28:18–20; Luke 24:46–49; Acts 1:8
- *The Power of the Gospel:* Romans 1:16–17; 1 Corinthians 1:18; 2 Corinthians 5:17–20
- *God's Sovereignty in Mission:* John 6:37–39; Acts 13:48; Revelation 5:9–10
- *Unity and Anticipation of the Kingdom:* Ephesians 1:9–10; Philippians 2:9–11; Revelation 7:9–12
- *The Hope and Urgency of Mission:* Romans 10:13–15; 2 Peter 3:9–13; Matthew 24:14

15. Final Authority and Use

Statement of Faith

- We believe that the Holy Scriptures are the supreme and final authority in all matters of faith and practice. Every doctrine, conviction, and ministry of this church must be tested and upheld by the Word of God. While this doctrinal statement serves as a clear and unified summary of our beliefs, it does not hold authority above or equal to Scripture. Rather, it is intended as a faithful reflection of what Scripture teaches and as a guide for instruction, unity, and accountability within the body of Christ.
- This confession expresses our shared convictions as a local church and provides a foundation for teaching, discipleship, and leadership. It establishes doctrinal clarity for all who belong to this fellowship, ensuring that our worship, witness, and ministry remain rooted in biblical truth and centered on the gospel of Jesus Christ.
- We recognize that no human document can exhaust the riches of divine revelation, and we therefore submit this confession to continual examination and reform under the light of God's Word. All who teach, serve, or lead within this church are called to uphold these truths with humility, conviction, and love.
- Above all, we affirm that Jesus Christ is the head of the Church and the ultimate authority over all things. His Word is sufficient, His Spirit guides, and His glory is the end toward which all doctrine, mission, and ministry are directed.

Scripture References

- *Scripture as Final Authority:* 2 Timothy 3:16–17; 2 Peter 1:19–21; Acts 17:11
- *Unity in Doctrine:* Ephesians 4:11–15; Philippians 1:27; 1 Corinthians 1:10
- *Submission to Christ:* Matthew 28:18–20; Colossians 1:18; 3:16–17
- *Guarding the Truth:* 1 Timothy 6:20–21; 2 Timothy 1:13–14; Titus 1:9
- *Soli Deo Gloria:* Romans 11:36; 1 Corinthians 10:31; Revelation 5:13

Concluding Summary

- This Doctrinal Statement of Faith expresses the core theological convictions of our fellowship- rooted in the authority of Scripture, shaped by the doctrines of grace, and animated by the hope of Christ's return. It reflects a biblical, Christ-centered, and Spirit-empowered vision for the local church as a family of families living under the lordship of Jesus Christ.
- We affirm with confidence and humility: *"For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things, to whom be glory forever. Amen."* (Romans 11:36)