

# **SUMMIT FELLOWSHIPS STATEMENT OF FAITH**

## **1. The Bible**

We believe that the Bible, commonly recognized as 66 books of the Old and New Testaments, is God's unique and authoritative revelation of truth to mankind. We believe that every word of the Bible as originally written is fully inspired by God. We believe that the Bible is true and reliable in all that it addresses. The Bible is our final authority on all matters of faith, doctrine, and practice.

1 Tim. 3:16; 2 Peter 1:20-21.

## **2. The Trinity**

We believe that there is one God, eternal, all-powerful, all-knowing, everywhere-present, and triune. Within the unity of the Godhead there are three persons, co-equal, co-eternal, and one in essence -- God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. These 3 persons, distinguishable but indivisible, are one God.

Gen. 1: 26; Dt. 6:4; Mt. 28:19; 2 Cor. 13:14.

## **3. The Incarnation**

We believe in the pre-existence and full deity of Jesus Christ, God the Son, who through the incarnation became man without ceasing to be God, fully human and fully divine, in one person.

John 1:1, 14; Col. 1:17; John 8:58

## **4. The Ministry of Jesus Christ**

We believe in the incarnation of God the Son through the literal virgin birth of Jesus Christ, the old Testament's promised Messiah, in His sinless life, His miracles, His vicarious and atoning death on the cross, His bodily resurrection from the dead as seen by many witnesses, His ascension into heaven, and in His promised physical return in power and glory.

Mt. 1:18-25, 24:29-31; Mt. 24:29-31; Acts 1:9-11, 2:22, 36, 5:31, 9:28; 1 Cor. 15:3-8; 2 Cor. 5:21; 1 Thess. 4:15-18; Heb. 4: 14

## **5. The Person and Work of the Holy Spirit**

We believe in the personality and deity of the Holy Spirit, who proceeds from the Father and the Son and is the third person of the Godhead. He indwells all believers in Jesus Christ, is active in the church, and is convicting the world of sin, righteousness, and the coming judgment.

John 14:26, 16:7-11; Acts 5:3-4, 13:2; 1 Cor. 6:19; 1 Tim. 4:1; Rev. 2:29;

## **6. The Fall of the Human Race**

We believe in the literal, space/time creation, test and fall of mankind as recorded in Genesis, in which our first parents, Adam and Eve, rebelled against God their creator, forfeiting their union and intimate relationship with God, and thus sold themselves and their descendants into a condition of spiritual separation from God, imminent physical death, and the dominion of Satan. That Fall has resulted in the complete alienation, corruption, and lost condition of the entire human race.

Gen. 3; Rom. 5:12, 18-19

## **7. The Universality of Sin**

We believe that every person has followed their first parents into sin by violating God's just and righteous commandments, because all have sinned and are under the just sentence of death and condemnation.

Rom. 3:9-18, 23, 6:23

## **8. The Nature of Sin**

We believe that guilt for sin consists in the willful violation of God's commandments and known moral obligation.

Mt. 22:34-40; Rom. 13:8-10; James 4:17;

## **9. The Atonement**

We believe that the death of Jesus Christ on the cross has made atonement for sin, enabling God to justly pardon repentant sinners and that the atoning death of Jesus Christ is the only basis for salvation from sin. We believe that the atonement was made for every person.

Acts 4:12; Rom. 3:21-26; 1 Tim. 2:5-6; Titus 2:11; 1 Pt. 3:18; 1 John 2:2, 4:10;

## **10. The Election to Salvation**

We believe that through the atoning death of Jesus Christ, God freely and effectively offers salvation every person without favoritism. The election of God to salvation is corporate and encompasses everyone potentially, but no one unconditionally.

Mt. 11:28; Luke 13:5; Eph. 1:4,5; 1 Tim. 2:4; 2 Pet. 3:9; Rev. 22:7.

## **11. The Conditions of Salvation**

We believe that the salvation of sinners, made possible by the grace of God alone, is conditioned upon repentance and faith in the person and work of the Lord Jesus Christ, through which we obtain forgiveness and cleansing from sin.

Luke 13:3; John 3:16; Ro. 10:8,9; Eph. 2:5,6; 2 Pet. 3:9.

## **12. Justification and Regeneration**

We believe that when a person meets the Biblical conditions of repentance and faith, that justification and regeneration by the Holy Spirit takes place. Thereupon, that person enters into a right relationship with God, is made alive spiritually and sealed in the Holy Spirit, and is adopted into God's family. Regeneration is instantaneous, is essential to salvation, and upon regeneration the Holy Spirit will bear witness with that person's spirit that they have passed from death to life and are now a child of God.

John 3:3, 7; Acts 15:31; Rom. 8:15-17; 1 Cor. 6:11; Eph. 1:13, 2:5; 4:30;

## **13. Perseverance of the Saints.**

We believe that God has made every provision for the believer to persevere unto final salvation and we may personally know with certainty that we are redeemed. With regard to others we are enjoined to know them by their fruits and respond accordingly. We assume that those who persevere in sin are in need of redemption regardless of past professions of faith. Ultimately, the certainty of salvation is inscrutable to all except the redeemer and His redeemed, and we encourage all believers to express their thanksgiving to the Lord by living honorably in His sight.

John 15:2, 6; Rom. 11: 20-22; I Tim. 1:18-19; Heb. 10:26-29.

## **14. The Baptism in the Holy Spirit.**

We believe that the Baptism in the Holy Spirit is an experience distinct from regeneration. It is given to those who ask to empower them to live holy lives and be effective witnesses for Christ, with all the evidence manifested in the Book of Acts.

Luke 24: 49; Acts 1:8; 2:1-4, 38, 19:1-7; 1 Cor . 14:13-14; Eph. 5:18; Jude 20.

### **15. The Gifts of the Spirit**

We believe that all gifts and operations of the Holy Spirit described in the New Testament are available to the church today for the edification of the entire Body.

Ro. 12:3-8; 1 Cor . 12:4-11, 28; Eph. 4:11

### **16. The Spirit Filled Life**

We believe in the Spirit-filled life, in the world but not of the world, and maturing in holiness in the fear of God.

Gal. 5:25; Eph. 4:13-15, 5:18; Heb. 6:1; James 4:4; I John 2:15;

### **17. Baptism in Water and The Lord's Supper**

We believe in and practice believer's baptism by immersion in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We also celebrate the Lord's Supper as a remembrance of the death of Jesus Christ on the cross for sin and the promised reality of living the resurrected life.

Mt. 28:19; Ro. 6:3-11; 1 Cor. 11:23-26.

### **18. The Second Coming of Christ**

We believe in the promised, physical, universally visible return of Jesus Christ, in which He will come in power and glory to judge the living and the dead, to bring to an end the world as we know it and to establish His eternal righteous Kingdom.

Is. 9:6,7; Mt. 24:17, 30; Luke 1:32-33; Rev.19:11-20:6, 20:11-12, 21:1.

### **19. The Resurrection of The Dead and the Final Judgement**

We believe in the bodily resurrection of the dead and the final judgment of both the saved and the lost, the first to everlasting life in the presence of God and the second to everlasting damnation and punishment in Hell.

Mt. 25:41, 46; 1 Thess. 4:13-17; Rev. 2:13; 20:10, 14, 15.

## **20. Satan**

We believe in the reality and personality of Satan and the eternal judgment of Satan and his angels.

Mt. 25:41; Rev. 20:2, 10.

## **21. The Spiritual Unity of the Body of Christ**

We believe in the spiritual unity of all true believers in Jesus Christ, who make up His body, the Church.

2 Tim. 2:19; Rev. 7:9.