

Statement of Beliefs

- 1. We believe the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments were "given by inspiration of God" [*theopneustos*, "God-breathed"] (II Timothy 3:16) and perfect as originally given; that the God-breathed Word is of supreme, absolute, and final authority for believing and godliness.
- 2. We believe in one God, the Creator of the heavens and earth; in Jesus Christ, God's only begotten Son, our lord and savior, whom God raised from the dead; and we believe in the workings of the Holy Spirit.
- 3. We believe that the virgin Mary conceived Jesus Christ by the Holy Spirit; that God was in Christ; and that Jesus Christ is the "mediator between God and men" and is "the man Christ Jesus" (I Timothy 2:5).
- 4. We believe that Adam was created in the image of God, spiritually; that he sinned and thereby brought upon himself immediate spiritual death, which is separation from God, and physical death later, which is the consequence of sin; and that all human beings are born with a sinful nature.
- 5. We believe that Jesus Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, as a representative and substitute for us, and that all who confess with their mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in their heart that God raised him from the dead are justified and made righteous, born again by the spirit of God, receiving eternal life on the grounds of His eternal redemption, and thereby are sons of God.
- 6. We believe in the resurrection of the crucified body of our Lord Jesus Christ, his ascension into heaven, and his seating at the right hand of God.
- 7. We believe in the blessed hope of Christ's return, the personal return of our living lord and savior, Jesus Christ, and our gathering together unto him. We believe in the bodily resurrection of the just and the unjust.
- 8. We believe in the receiving of the fullness of the holy spirit, the power from on high, and the corresponding nine manifestations of the holy spirit for all born-again believers.
- 9. We believe that from the beginning God established marriage as an exclusive union between one man and one woman, who become "one flesh." More than a social or economic contract, marriage is threefold—involving God, the husband, and the wife. This concept of a husband and wife becoming one and staying together is God's intent from the beginning even to this day. We believe that all intimate sexual activity was designed by God to be exclusively between a man and a woman within the marriage relationship. We believe that God created each person as male or female (Genesis 5:2) and that all conduct with the intent to adopt a gender other than one's birth gender is contradictory to God's design for living.
- 10. We believe it is available to receive all that God promises us in His Word according to our believing faith. We believe we are free in Christ Jesus to receive all that he accomplished for us by his substitution.

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