



STATEMENT OF BELIEFS

Our faith is based upon the belief the Old and New Testament scriptures of the Bible are, without error, the complete revelation of the inspired Word of God. Our theological interpretation of scriptures comes from these three main streams of revelation of teachings in church history: Apostolic, Pentecostal and Evangelical. It's from these three main streams of teaching that our theology gives birth to our Faith and Doctrine.

About God: We believe that God is the Creator and Ruler of the universe. He has eternally existed in three manifestations or personalities: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. These three are co-equal - one God. **Scripture References:** Genesis 1:1, 26, 27, 3:22, Psalms 90:2; Matthew 28:19 I Peter: 2; II Corinthians 13:14.

About Jesus Christ: We believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. He is co-equal with the Father. Jesus lived a sinless human life and offered Himself as the perfect sacrifice for sins of all people by dying on a cross. He arose from the dead after three days to demonstrate His power over sin and death. He ascended to Heaven's glory and will return again to earth someday to reign as King of Kings and Lord of Lords. **Scripture References:** Matthew 1:22-23; Isaiah 9:6; John 1:1-5, 14:10-30; Hebrews 4:14-15; I Corinthians 15:3, 4; Romans 1:3-4; Acts 1:9-11; I Timothy 6:14-15 Titus 2:13.

About the Bible: We believe that the bible is God's Word to us. Human authors, under the supernatural guidance of the Holy Spirit, wrote it. Because God inspires it, it is the truth without any mixture of error. We believe that we are to live by, wash and renew our minds daily by the Word of God. **Scripture References:** II Timothy 1:13, 3:16; II Peter 1:20-21, Psalms 119:105, 160, Proverbs 30:5 II Timothy 2:15, Romans 12:2, Joshua 1:8.

About the Baptism in the Holy Ghost: We believe all Believers are entitled to and should ardently expect and earnestly seek the promise of the Father, the baptism in the Holy Ghost and Fire, according to the command of our Lord Jesus Christ. This was the normal experience of all in the early Christian church. With it comes the endowment of power for life and service, the bestowment of the gifts and their uses in the work of the ministry (Like 24:49; Acts 1:4, 8; I Corinthians 12:1-31). This experience is distinct from the subsequent to the experience of the new birth (Acts 8:12-17; 10:44-46; 11:14-16; 15:7-10). With the baptism in the Holy Ghost comes such experiences as an overflowing fullness of the Spirit (John 7:37-39; Acts 4:8), a deepened reverence for God and dedication to His work (Acts 2:42), and a more active love for Christ, for His work and for the lost (Mark 16:20).

About the Evidence of the Baptism in the Holy Ghost: We believe the Baptism of Believers in the Holy Ghost is witnessed by the initial **physical** sign of speaking with other tongues as the Spirit of God gives them the utterance (Acts 2:4). The speaking in tongues in this instances is the same in essence as the gift of tongues (1 Corinthians 12:4-10, 28), but different in purpose and used.

About the Holy Spirit: We believe the Holy Spirit is co-equal with the Father and the Son. He is present in the world to make man aware of his need for Jesus Christ. He also lives in every Christian from the moment of salvation. He provides the Christian with power for living, understanding of spiritual truth and guidance in doing what is right. As Christians we should seek to live under His control daily. **Scripture References:** II Corinthians 3:17; John 16:7-13, 14:16-17; Acts 1:8; I Cor. 2:12, 3:16; Eph. 1:13; 5:18; Gal. 5:25.

About Man: We believe mankind was made in the spiritual image of God, to be like Him in character. Mankind was created as the supreme object of God's creation. Although every person has tremendous potential for good, all of us are marred by an attitude of disobedience toward God called "sin". This attitude separates people from God and causes many problems in life. **Scripture References:** Genesis 1:27; Psalms 8:3-6; Isaiah 53:6 59:1-2 and Romans 3:23.

About Sanctification: We believe that without holiness no man can see the Lord. We believe Godly living and the pursuit of a holy life should be the goal of every believer. The doctrine of sanctification is a progressive work of grace that continues until the consummation of salvation. **Scripture References:** Hebrews 12:14, I Corinthians 3:18, Philippians 3:12-14, I Corinthians 1:30.

About Divine Healing: We believe that healing is for the physical illnesses of the human body by God through the prayer of faith and by the laying on of hands. It's a promise for every member of the Church today. **Scripture References:** Mark 16:18, James 5:14-20, Isaiah 53:45.

About Laying On Of Hands: We believe that God's power and authority can be transmitted or transferred by one person laying hands upon another. Jesus practiced it (Mark 10:13-16) as a blessing. We also practice the laying on of hands for healing, to confer to office (Acts 6:26); to receive the Holy Spirit (Acts 8:16-18) and for consecration.

About Water Baptism: We believe baptism in water is a direct command by the Lord Jesus Christ and the Apostles for all believers. The sacrament is not only an outward symbol but also an inward presence of God's grace through the Holy Spirit of a believer's identification with the death and resurrection of Christ. The formula we use in baptism is: "Upon the confession of your faith in the Lord Jesus Christ we baptize you in the Name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit by the authority of Jesus Christ!" **Scripture References:** Matthew 28:19 Acts 2:38, Romans 6:4, Col. 2:12.

About Communion: We believe communion is not only an ordinance but also a sacrament of the Lord. We believe that His presence is with us in the elements we call the bread as His body and the wine as His blood. Every believer should be present and take it as often as it is ministered to the church. **Scripture References:** John 6:53-58, I Corinthians 11:23-31.

About the Baptism of the Holy Spirit: We believe that all believers are born again and filled with God's Spirit (John 3:3-9) at the moment they confess Christ as their Lord and Savior (I Corinthians 12:3). The evidence of the indwelling Spirit is a changed life. (John 3:1-6; Ephesians 1:13). We also believe that you can be overshadowed and filled with His spirit that will manifest the gifts of the Spirit. One of those gifts is speaking in tongues. **Scripture References:** Acts 2:38-39, Acts 19:1-7, Mark 16:15-18, Acts 5:16, I Corinthians 12:1-11).

About Eternal Security: We believe God gives us eternal life through Jesus Christ and that the true believer is secure in that salvation for eternity. If you have been genuinely saved, you cannot "lose" it. Salvation is maintained by the grace and power of God, not by the self-effort of the Christian. **Scripture References:** John 10:29, II Tim. 1:12, Heb. 7:25, 10:10, 14, I Pet. 1:3-5.

About Christian Maturity: We believe that every believer can have a personal and intimate relationship with Jesus Christ, for apart from Him we can do nothing. Each person has a ministry from God that no one else can fill. We are to instruct, believe, exhort and admonish believers in the ways of God. **Scripture References:** John 15:1-5; Hebrews 13:5-6.

About Worship: We believe worship is our lifestyle of service to God. We can only do it through the Holy Spirit. We also believe corporate worship is what the church does together to show our appreciation and adoration to God. We do this in a demonstrative way in spirit, song, dance, with our mouths in praise with our whole being. **Scripture References:** John 4:22-24, Psalms 150:1-6.

About Miracles: We believe God still manifests miracles by His sovereign will. God still heals diseases and delivers His people from evils and temptations. **Scripture References:** Luke 10:19, I Peter 2:24, I Corinthians 12:10.

About Evangelism: We believe that every believer is to go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature, converting them through the Spirit to our faith, teaching them to observe all the things the Lord Jesus has commanded us and the Lord Jesus will be with us until His return. **Scripture Reference:** Matthew 28:16-20.

About Marriage: We believe that marriage is sacred between Male and Female only as God has stated in His Word. **Scripture Reference:** Genesis 2:20-24.

About Death: We believe that physical death involves no loss of our immaterial consciousness (Rev. 6:9-11), that there is a separation of soul and body (James 2:26), that the soul of the redeemed passes immediately into the presence of Christ (Luke 23:43; 2 Cor. 5:8; Phil 1:23); and that for the redeemed, such separation will continue until the Rapture (I Thessalonians. 4:13-17) which initiates the first resurrection (Rev. 20:4-6) when our soul and body will be reunited to be glorified forever with our Lord (I Cor. 15:35-44, 50-54; Phil 3:21). Until that time the souls of the redeemed in Christ remain in joyful fellowship with our Lord Jesus Christ. (2 Cor. 5:8).

We believe the souls of the unsaved at death are kept under punishment until the second resurrection (Luke 16:19-26; Rev. 20:13-15), when the soul and the resurrected body will be united. They shall appear at the Great White Throne of judgment (Rev. 20:11-15) and shall be cast into hell, the lake of fire, cut off from the life of God forever. (Matthew 25:41-46).

About the Rapture: We believe the bodily return of Jesus Christ (Acts 1:11, Titus 2:23) to translate His church from this earth to reward believers according to their works (I Cor. 3:11-15, 2 Cor. 5:10). Because we do not know the time or the hour, we should live prepared at all times because it can happen at anytime before the seven year tribulation period.

Spiritual Authority: We believe spiritual authority is knowing who we are in Christ Jesus. It is knowing our correct relationship to the Father and the Son, Jesus Christ. It is knowing just what position we are in. It is knowing what is ours, to have and to hold. All that was wrought upon Calvary and delivered to the Saints, is ours and more. It is in knowing what is expected of us and what part we are to have in the Kingdom of God here on earth. It is knowing our responsibility toward God, His part and ours.

We believe that spiritual authority is seeing the whole picture now, and walking in the light of knowing. It is in rising above the circumstances that we are able to exercise spiritual authority. Without spiritual authority one can become overshadowed in confusion and blindness without understanding why.

We believe the following scripture gives us an overall clear picture proving that we are given authority:

- A Picture of God... Daniel 7:9-11
- A Picture of Christ... Daniel 7:13,14
- A Picture of You... Daniel 7:18,21,22,27

We believe that our ultimate calling is to be kings and priest unto Jesus, and unto His Father.
Scripture reference: Revelation 1:5, 6 and Romans 8:17.