



THIS IS WHAT WE BELIEVE AT FIRST FREE

Article III: Doctrine

We believe that the Holy Bible is the inspired Word of God, which reveals to us God's plan of salvation for mankind and is the basis of our faith and the only infallible guide for Christian living (2 Timothy 3:16,17). We believe the entire Bible to be God's written Word, and while we by no intent undervalue or set aside any portion of the Holy Scripture, we believe there are certain fundamental truths, the knowledge of and belief in, we deem necessary for sound doctrine and requisite for Christian fellowship. These fundamentals are set forth in the following Statements of Faith:

Statement 1: Holy Scripture

We believe in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments as verbally inspired of God, and inerrant in the original writings, and that they are the supreme and final authority on faith and life. (2 Timothy 3:16,17; 2 Peter 1:20,21)

Statement 2: Godhead

We believe in one God, eternally existing in three persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. (Matthew 3:16,17; Matthew 28:19)

Statement 3: Jesus Christ

We believe that Jesus Christ was begotten by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary and is true God and true man. (Matthew 1:18-25; John 1:1,14)

Statement 4: Mankind

We believe that man was created in the image of God but fell into sin and is therefore lost and only through regeneration by the Holy Spirit can salvation and spiritual life be obtained. (Genesis 1:26,27; Genesis 3:1-24)

Statement 5: Jesus Christ's Death

We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that all who believe on Him are justified on the grounds of His shed blood. (Isaiah 53; Romans 5:1,9; 1 Corinthians 15:3,4)

Statement 6: Jesus Christ's Resurrection

We believe in the resurrection of the crucified body of our Lord, in His ascension into Heaven, and in His present life there for us, as High Priest and Advocate. (Luke 24:36-48; Acts 1:10,11; Hebrews 4:14-16; Hebrews 9:24; 1 John 2:1)

Statement 7: Jesus Christ's Return

We believe in the personal and imminent return of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. (John 14:3; Acts 1:11; 1 Thessalonians 4:16,17)



Statement 8: Salvation

We believe that all who by faith receive the Lord Jesus Christ are born again by the Holy Spirit and thereby become the children of God. (John 1:12,13; John 5:24)

Statement 9: Eternity

We believe in the bodily resurrection of the just and unjust, the everlasting blessedness of the saved, and the everlasting punishment of the lost. (Matthew 25:46; John 5:28,29)

Statement 10: Ordinances

We believe that the Lord's Supper and water baptism are ordinances to be observed by the Church during this present age. They are, however, not to be regarded as means of salvation. (Matthew 3:15; Matthew 28:29; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26)

Statement 11: Holy Spirit

We believe that the ministry of the Holy Spirit is to glorify the Lord Jesus Christ, and during this age to convict men, regenerate the believing sinner, indwell, guide, instruct, and empower the believer for godly living and service (Titus 3:5; John 14:16,17; John 16:7-15; Romans 8:11).