



# Statement of Faith

## **Biblical Principles & Beliefs.**

The organization and its departments, divisions, Community Groups, or other extensions shall govern itself with moral, ethical, and value principles in coherence with the Christian faith and Christian Bible (“the Bible,” “Word of God” or “the Scriptures”). The Bible is the inspired, inerrant and sufficient Word of God and is thus the ultimate authority for life, faith and morals. It is the Bible itself to which we are in ultimate submission. We believe that all creative artistry should in no way dishonor or compromise the Bible and its authority.

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## **GOD**

We believe in One God who eternally exists in three persons: The Father, Son (Jesus Christ), and Holy Spirit. These three are co-equal and co-eternal, which is the Trinity. Genesis 1:1-3; Deuteronomy 6:4; Matthew 3:16-17; 28:19; Luke 1:35; John 1:1-3, 14; Colossians 2:9; 2 Corinthians 13:14; 1 Timothy 1:17

## **HUMANS**

We believe humans were created in the image of God and placed in a sinless paradise to have fellowship with Him. But because of disobedience to God’s Word, sin entered the world and fellowship with God was broken and relationship between humans became strained. Humans through their own efforts cannot restore this brokenness. Genesis 1:26-27, 31; 3:1-8; 11:1-9; Romans 3:9-10, 23; 5:12-14; Ephesians 2:1-3

## **CREATIVITY & ARTISTIC EXPRESSION**

We believe that all artistic creativity and storytelling, in all expressions, through word, thought, and deed, whether digitally or physically, are gifts from God to be used for His good purposes on the earth. We believe all art forms whether visual, written, or spoken should not in any way be in opposition to the written Word of God and should not



promote or further the advancement of any thought or agenda that opposes the written Word of God. We believe all artistic content, in every medium and expression, is a tool to advance God's Kingdom and bring Him glory.

Exodus 35:35; Proverbs 22:29; Romans 12:6; Colossians 3:17; 2 Timothy 3:16-17

### **THE GOSPEL & SALVATION**

We believe in the Gospel: that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of the Living God and that He was crucified on a cross for our sins and that He was raised from the dead three days later. We believe that God sent his one and only Son, Jesus Christ, in human flesh, to be the sin sacrifice for all humanity. We believe that all who believe the Gospel are born again by the Holy Spirit and become children of God and heirs of eternal life.

Thus, eternal life is totally a work of grace, a gift of God and not a result of any good works or human efforts on our part. It is by grace through faith that a person obtains salvation, not by works. Salvation is available to every human being. John 3:3, 5, 16; Romans 3:23-28; 5:1; 6:23; Galatians 2:16; 4:4-7; Ephesians 2:8-9; Titus 3:5; Matthew 16:16; Mark 10:45; Acts 26:23; 1 Corinthians 15:1-8, 20; John 3:16; Galatians 1:4; Colossians 1:15; 2:13-14; 1 Peter 2:24; Revelation 1:5

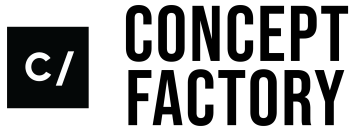
### **THE WORD OF GOD**

We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the inspired, infallible inerrant Word of God. It alone is the final authority in determining how Followers of Jesus should live their lives. Matthew 5:17-18; Psalm 119:9, 11; John 10:35; 17:17; Romans 16:25-26; 2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:20-21; Hebrews 4:12; 2 Peter 3:15-16

### **THE CHRISTIAN LIFE**

We believe in the ongoing process of spiritual growth of the Christian through the Holy Spirit and God's Word. Each person is to grow in their knowledge of God's Word and in developing and employing their spiritual gifts through the Church so others may come to know Christ and the Church be built up into maturity. John 8:31-32; 14:16-17; 16:13;

17:17; Romans 12:4-8; 1 Corinthians 12-14; Galatians 5:22-23; 2 Timothy 3:16-17; Hebrews 5:11-14



## **MARRIAGE AND SEXUALITY**

We believe Biblical marriage has only one meaning and is clearly defined in scripture as a covenant, a sacred bond uniting one man (born a man) and one woman (born a woman) in a single, exclusive union for life, instituted by and publicly entered into before God (Matthew 19:4-6), and that God intends sexual intimacy and all sexual expressions to occur only between one man (husband) and one woman (wife) who are married to each other. (1 Corinthians 6:18, 7:2-5; Hebrews 13:4). The covenant is with God and should not be taken lightly or altered to fit personal preferences. (Genesis 2:22-24; Ephesians 5:22-33; Mark 10:6-9; Galatians 5:24-25).

## **ETERNITY**

We believe that Jesus Christ will return physically to earth to set up His Kingdom. This will occur at a time no one knows except the Father. At His return the resurrection of Christ Followers and non-Christ-Followers will take place. Heaven will be the eternal dwelling place for all Believers in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The devil, who is working in the world to destroy the souls of people, along with all his angels, and all who do not receive Christ as their Savior, will eternally perish in the lake of fire, which is Hell. (Matthew 4:1-11; 5:3, 12; 6:20; 24:30; 25:34, 41; Mark 9:43-48; John 8:24, 44; Acts 1:9-11; Hebrews 9:27 Revelation 14:9-11)

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