

STATEMENT of FAITH

What We Believe and the Principals We Stand Upon

Which church do I choose?

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In scripture we are commanded to share the gospel of Jesus Christ (Matthew 28:19 & Acts 1:8). 1 Peter 3:15 tells us to be ready to give an answer for the hope that is in us. In Acts Chapter 7 Stephen begins to give a sermon in which he tells word for word the truth's from the word of God. In our current age we need to be careful and discerning when yoking together with a body of "believers" (2 Corinthians 6:14). How can we be certain we are with a body who believes, preaches and witnesses the gospel in its truth without error?

Are these Statements important?

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Statements of faith help to establish the basic belief system of a church and are beneficial when new people come to join a church. If a statement of faith is known the new comer can know if he/she agrees with the basic doctrinal teachings of the

- ✦ We believe that the Bible is the infallible, inerrant Word of God.
- ✦ We believe in the Divine Trinity, that God is One, but is manifested in three Persons (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit) being co-equal and co-eternal.
- ✦ We believe in the deity of the Lord Jesus Christ.
- ✦ We believe in the person of the Holy Spirit.
- ✦ We believe that salvation is the gift of God to man, separate from works and the Law, and is made operative by grace through faith in Jesus Christ, producing works acceptable to God.
- ✦ We believe in water baptism by immersion as a direct commandment of the Lord and that this ordinance is for believers only as a symbol of the Christian's identification with Christ in His death, burial, and resurrection.
- ✦ We believe that the Baptism in the Holy Spirit is a gift from God as promised by the Lord Jesus to all believers in this dispensation and is received subsequent to the New Birth.
- ✦ Also, we believe that this experience is accompanied by the initial evidence of speaking in other tongues as the Holy Spirit gives utterance.
- ✦ We believe that healing is provided for in the atonement of Christ, and is the privilege of every member in the Church today.



Can you imagine how much conflict we might avert if people decided they disagree with us before they are yoked together with us.

It is obvious to me statements of faith are important in church life today. With the changing tides of modern Churches it is necessary for us to know what we believe, know why we believe it and be able to share it with confidence. A doctrinal statement or statement of faith is not a replacement of scripture it is simply a summary of scriptural truths that we are called to adhere to if we are to be a part of a local assembly. Outdated to some maybe but not to Christ who said, "if you love me keep my commandments".

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- ✦ We believe that healing is for the physical ills of the human body and is wrought by the power of God through the prayer of faith, and by the laying on of hands.
- ✦ We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ shall return for the Church and that His coming is imminent.
- ✦ We believe that following the Tribulation, He shall return to earth as King of Kings and Lord of Lords, and together with His saints, who shall be kings and priests; He shall reign a thousand years.
- ✦ We believe that those who physically die in their sins without accepting Christ are hopelessly and eternally lost in the Lake of Fire and, therefore, have no further opportunity of hearing the Gospel or repenting.
- ✦ We believe that the Lake of Fire is literal and the terms "eternal" and "everlasting" used in describing the duration of the punishment of the damned in the Lake of Fire, carry the same thought and meaning of endless existence as used in denoting the duration of joy and ecstasy of saints in the presence of God.

