

STATEMENT OF BELIEF

The Fellowship believes:

- ❑ In the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments in their original writing as fully inspired by God, and accepts them as the final authority for faith and life. (*See 2 Tim. 3:16*)
- ❑ In one God, eternally existing in three persons – Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
- ❑ That the Lord Jesus Christ was begotten by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, and is true God and true Man.
- ❑ That God created man in His image; that man sinned and thereby incurred the penalty of death, physical and spiritual; and that all human beings inherit a sinful nature which unavoidably results in personal guilt.
- ❑ With regard to sexual relations, that heterosexual relations between one natural man and one natural woman (his spouse) within the confines of lawful matrimony form the only framework for God's design; and that it is therefore contrary to God's law for two people of the same natural gender to be joined in a form of matrimony such as a marriage or civil union.
- ❑ That the Lord Jesus Christ died for our sins, a substitutionary sacrifice, according to the Scriptures, and that all who believe and trust in Him are justified on the grounds of His shed blood. 'For Christ is made unto us righteousness, wisdom, sanctification and redemption.' (*1 Cor. 1:30*)
- ❑ In the bodily resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ, His ascension into heaven, and His present life as our High Priest and Advocate.
- ❑ In the personal return of the Lord Jesus Christ.
- ❑ In the personality of the Holy Spirit, His regenerating work, and abiding presence in the true believer. That the Holy Spirit indwells all true believers and that He has been sent to be the Comforter and Empowerer of the Christian Church, to produce the fruit of the Holy Spirit and the gifts of the Holy Spirit according to the Scriptures. (*The manifestation of the Holy Spirit is given to every person to profit withal. 1 Cor. 12:7*)
- ❑ That God never removed the gifts of the Holy Spirit from the Church, and that the Scriptural commands to 'earnestly desire the higher gifts' and 'not forbid speaking in tongues' are still applicable today. (*See 1 Cor. 12; 13; 14; specifically 14:1 and 14:39*)
- ❑ That the healing of the sick is still available in our day. (*See Mar. 16:17-18; Mat. 8:16-17; 1 Cor. 12:9 and Jas. 5:14-15*).
- ❑ That the miracles recorded in the Bible were genuine divine acts of physical intervention and that they should still be expected in the present day. (*See Jn. 14:12 and 1 Cor. 12:10*)
- ❑ That all who repent of their sin and receive the Lord Jesus Christ by faith are born again of the Holy Spirit and thereby become children of God.
- ❑ That all Christians are called to a life of holiness, devotion to the Lord Jesus Christ and service to Him. (*1 Pet. 1:15: But like the Holy One who called you, be holy yourselves in all your conduct*)
- ❑ In the resurrection both of the just and the unjust, the eternal blessedness of the redeemed, and the eternal damnation and banishment from God of those who have not accepted the offer of salvation.
- ❑ That the whole company of those who have accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as their Saviour, been redeemed by Him and regenerated by the Holy Spirit, form the one true Church (*Koinonia*), and that the local Church on earth (including the Fellowship) should take its character from this concept. Therefore the new birth and personal confession of faith in Christ are essentials for membership of the Fellowship.
- ❑ In the priesthood of all believers. (*But you are ... a royal priesthood ... 1 Pet. 2:5 & 2:9*)
- ❑ That the Lord Jesus Christ appointed two ordinances – baptism and the Lord's table – to be observed as acts of obedience and as an ongoing witness to the fundamental facts of the Christian faith; that baptism by immersion of the believer in water is a confessed identification with Christ in burial and resurrection, and that the Lord's table is partaking of the bread and the cup as symbols of the Saviour's broken body and shed blood, in remembrance of His sacrificial death till His return.
- ❑ That the ascended Christ has given various ministries or ministers to the Church in order to bring all believers to the place of Christian maturity in understanding of truth, and the performance and function of the ministry. (*See Eph. 4:11; Rom. 12:4-8 and 1 Cor. 12:8-12.*)



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