



OUR STATEMENT OF FAITH

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The Statement of Faith does not exhaust the extent of our beliefs. The Bible itself, as the infallible word of God, speaks final authority concerning truth, morality and the proper conduct of mankind and is the sole and final source of all that we believe.

The Bible

We believe the Bible is the Word of God, fully inspired and without error. It is the supreme and final authority for all matters of the Christian life and belief. We believe the Bible teaches that heaven and hell are literal places and the souls of every person who has ever lived will exist eternally in one of these two places. 1 Thes 2:13; 2 Tim 3:16-17; Heb 4:12

The Trinity

We believe there is one true and living God, who eternally exists in three persons – Father, Son and Holy Spirit – who are equal in every divine perfection and who execute the distinct but harmonious offices in all the work of the Godhead. Matt 28:19

Man

We believe that God created all human beings in His image to be in fellowship with Him. Therefore, we believe that human life is sacred from conception to its natural end; that we must honor the physical and spiritual needs of all people; following Christ's example, we believe that every person should be treated with love, dignity and respect. Gen 1:26-28; Ps 139:13; Is 49:1; Matt 22:37-39

The Gospel

We believe the Gospel is the good news of God's saving actions towards fallen mankind through Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ, the eternal son of God, took on human form, lived a sinless life, died on the cross, was buried and rose again on the third day. His death was substitutionary for all mankind. Matt 4:23; Mk 16:15; Rom 5:12

Salvation

We believe salvation is a free gift that comes only by God's grace, through faith in Jesus Christ. Man can never make up for his sin by self-improvement or good works – only by trusting in Jesus Christ as God's offer of forgiveness can man be saved from sin's penalty. All people are born with a free will and must choose to accept or reject the gift of salvation. At the moment a person makes the choice to sincerely repent (turn away) from their sin and accept Christ by faith, according to God's Word they will receive forgiveness of sins. Their names are then written in the Lamb's Book of Life and they are eternally secure in that fact. Jn 3:16; Jn 5:24; Jn 14:6; Titus 3:3-7; Rom 6:23; Eph 2:8-9

Holy Spirit

We believe the Holy Spirit is equal to the Father and the Son as God. He is present in the world to make men aware of their 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. The Christian seeks to live under His control daily. Gen 1:2; Ps 51:11; Matt 1:18; Matt 3:16; Rom 8:9-11

Jesus and His Glorious Return

We believe Jesus Christ is God incarnate; in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His death on the cross that paid for our sin through His shed blood, in His bodily resurrection and in His ascension to Heaven where He now sits at the right hand of the Father. We believe that one day Jesus Christ will literally and gloriously return to take His bride, The Church, home to heaven to live with Him forever. Jn 1:1; Matt 1:18 & 25; Heb 4:15; Heb 9:15-22; 1 Cor 15:1-8; Acts 1:9-11; Heb 9:27-28; 1 Thes 4:13-18

Marriage/Sexual Intimacy

We believe that God wonderfully and immutably creates each person as male and female and those two distinct, complementary genders together reflect the image and nature of God. We believe that God created marriage and sexual intimacy to be exclusively between one man and one woman and that intimate sexual activity is to occur only within that union. The Bible clearly does not condone any type of sexual sin, whether it involves fornication, adultery or homosexuality. However, we believe that if a person sincerely repents (turns away) from their sin, God will forgive their sin. Gen 2:24; Matt 19:4-6; Mk 10:6-9; 1 Cor 6:9; Rom 1:26-27

The Family

God has ordained the family as the foundational institution of human society. It is composed of persons related to one another by marriage, blood, or adoption. Marriage is the uniting of one man and one woman in covenant commitment for a lifetime. It is God's unique gift to reveal the union between Christ and His church and to provide for the man and the woman in marriage the framework for intimate companionship, the channel of sexual expression according to biblical standards, and the means for procreation of the human race.

The husband and wife are of equal worth before God, since both are created in God's image. The marriage relationship models the way God relates to His people. A husband is to love his wife as Christ loved the church. He has the God-given responsibility to provide for, to protect, and to lead his family. A wife is to submit herself graciously to the servant leadership of her husband even as the church willingly submits to the headship of Christ. She, being in the image of God as is her husband and thus equal to him, has the God-given responsibility to respect her husband and to serve as his helper in managing the household and nurturing the next generation.

Children, from the moment of conception, are a blessing and heritage from the Lord. Parents are to demonstrate to their children God's pattern for marriage. Parents are to teach their children spiritual and moral values and to lead them, through consistent lifestyle example and loving discipline, to make choices based on biblical truth. Children are to honor and obey their parents.

Baptism

We believe that scriptural water baptism is by immersion in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit following one's salvation experience. Baptism by immersion symbolizes the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus and is your public declaration that you have accepted Jesus Christ as your personal Savior. Baptism does not save you but shows the world that you have already been saved. While baptism is not required for salvation, it is a Biblical command and demonstrates your love and obedience to Christ. Rom 6:4; Matt. 28:19.

Discipleship

We believe it is every Christian's responsibility to assist all believers in becoming devout followers of Christ and to fulfill the great commission by enabling them to know Jesus more fully and intimately through the careful study of God's Word along with practical teaching to develop each individual's God given calling. A disciple-maker realizes the greatest thing a person can do in life is pursue God, and the second-greatest thing a person can do is help someone else pursue God. Eph 4:11-16; Matt 28:19-20

Missions

We believe our command is to go. Our mission field is the world, our duty is to preach the Gospel, and our responsibility is to every man, woman, boy and girl. We, at the Remnant Church, want to bring people to the saving knowledge of Jesus domestically and abroad; and to support those who have been called to missions, who can reach people that otherwise we could not. Mk 16:15; Matt 28:19-20; Acts 1:8

Communion

We believe Communion (Lord's Supper) is an ordinance given to all believers by Jesus Christ to remember His sacrifice for us and to symbolize the new covenant. The bread and grape juice are symbols of Christ's broken body and shed blood. Communion is not a means of salvation. Rather, it is a testament of a believer's faith in the atoning work of the cross and will be practiced in the church. Matt 26:26-30; 1 Cor 11:23-29

Sanctification

We believe sanctification is a work of Grace and is a process of being made Holy and the process starts with salvation, which is enabled by the Holy Spirit. Sanctification is the experience, beginning in regeneration, by which the believer is set apart to God's purposes and is enabled to progress toward moral and spiritual maturity through the presence and power of the Holy Spirit dwelling within the believer. Growth in grace should continue throughout the regenerate person's life. 1 Cor 1:30; 2 Thes 2:13