

The Well – Statement of Faith

The Scriptures

We believe the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the verbally inspired word of God, the final authority for faith and life, inerrant in the original writings, infallible, and God-breathed ([2 Timothy 3:16, 17](#); [2 Peter 1:20, 21](#); [Matthew 5:18](#); [John 16:12, 13](#)).

The Godhead

We believe in one Triune God, eternally existing in three persons—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—co-eternal in being, co-eternal in nature, co-equal in power and glory, having the same attributes and perfections ([Deuteronomy 6:4](#); [2 Corinthians 13:14](#))

The Person and Work of the Father

We believe in God the Father, an infinite and personal spirit, perfect in holiness, wisdom, power and love. We believe that He concerns Himself mercifully in the affairs of men, that He hears and answers prayer, and that He saves from sin and eternal death all who come to Him through Jesus Christ.

God the Father is the Creator of heaven and earth. By His word and for His glory, He freely and supernaturally created the world out of nothing. Through the same word He daily sustains all His creatures. He rules over all and, together with the Son and the Spirit, is the only Sovereign. His plans and purposes cannot be thwarted. He is faithful to every promise, works all things together for good to those who love Him and in His unfathomable grace gave His Son Jesus Christ for mankind's redemption. He made all things for the praise of His glory and intends for man, in particular, to live in fellowship with Himself.

The Person and Work of Christ

We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ, the eternal Son of God, became man without ceasing to be God, having been conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary in order that He might reveal God and redeem sinful man ([John 1:1–2, 14](#); [Luke 1:35](#)). We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ accomplished our redemption through His death on the cross as a representative, vicarious, substitutionary sacrifice, and that our justification is made sure by His literal, physical resurrection from the dead ([Romans 3:24](#); [1 Peter 2:24](#); [Ephesians 1:7](#); [1 Peter 1:3–5](#)). We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ ascended into heaven and is now exalted at the right hand of God where, as our High Priest, He fulfills the ministry as Representative, Intercessor, and Advocate ([Acts 1:9, 10](#); [Hebrews 7:25](#); [Hebrews 9:24](#); [Romans 8:34](#); [1 John 2:1–2](#)). We believe Jesus is coming again to judge the living and the dead ([1 Peter 4:5](#); [Romans 14:9](#); [2 Timothy 4:1](#)).

The Person and Work of the Holy Spirit

We believe that the Holy Spirit is a person who convicts the world of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment; He is the Supernatural Agent in regeneration, baptizing all believers into the body of Christ, indwelling and sealing them unto the day of redemption ([John 16:8–11](#); [2 Corinthians 3:6](#); [1 Corinthians 12:12–14](#); [Romans 8:9](#); [Ephesians 5:18](#)).

The Total Depravity of Man

We believe that man was created in the image and likeness of God, but that through Adam's sin the race fell, inherited a sinful nature, and became alienated from God; man is totally depraved and of himself utterly unable to remedy his lost condition ([Genesis 1:26, 27](#); [Romans 3:22, 23](#); [5:12](#); [Ephesians 2:1-3, 12](#)).

Salvation

We believe that salvation is the gift of God brought to man by grace and received by personal faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, whose precious blood was shed on Calvary for the forgiveness of our sins ([Ephesians 2:8-10](#); [John 1:12](#); [Ephesians 1:7](#); [1 Peter 1:18-19](#)).

Eternal Security and Assurance of Believers

We believe that all the redeemed, once saved, are kept by God's power and are thus secure in Christ forever ([John 6:37-40](#); [10:27-30](#); [Romans 8:1, 38, 39](#); [1 Corinthians 1:4-8](#); [1 Peter 1:5](#)). We believe that it is the privilege of believers to rejoice in the assurance of their salvation through the testimony of God's Word, which clearly forbids the use of Christian liberty as an occasion for the flesh ([Romans 13:13, 14](#); [Galatians 5:13](#); [Titus 2:11-15](#)).

The Ministry and Spiritual Gifts

We believe that God is sovereign in the bestowing of spiritual gifts. It is, however, the believer's responsibility to attempt to develop their sovereignly given spiritual gift(s). The baptism of the Holy Spirit occurs at conversion and is the placing of the believer into the Body of Christ. We also believe that particular spiritual gift(s) are neither essential, nor prove the presence of the Holy Spirit, nor are an indication of deep spiritual experience ([1 Corinthians 12:7, 11, 13](#); [Ephesians 4:7-8](#)). We believe that God does hear and answer the prayer of faith, in accordance with His own will, for the sick and afflicted ([John 15:7](#); [1 John 5:14, 15](#)). We believe that it is the privilege and responsibility of every believer to minister according to the gift(s) and grace of God that is given to him ([Romans 12:1-8](#); [1 Corinthians 13](#); [1 Peter 4:10-11](#)).

The Church

We believe that the church, which is the body and espoused bride of Christ, is a spiritual organism made up of all born-again persons ([Ephesians 1:22, 23](#); [5:25-27](#); [1 Corinthians 12:12-14](#); [2 Corinthians 11:2](#)). We believe that the establishment and continuance of local churches is clearly taught and defined in the New Testament Scriptures ([Acts 14:27](#); [18:22](#); [20:17](#); [1 Timothy 3:1-3](#); [Titus 1:5-11](#)). We believe in the autonomy of the local churches, free of any external authority and control ([Acts 13:1-4](#); [15:19-31](#); [20:28](#); [Romans 16:1,4](#); [1 Corinthians 3:9, 16](#); [1 Corinthians 5:4-7, 13](#); [1 Peter 5:1-4](#)). We recognize believer's baptism and the Lord's supper as scriptural means of testimony for the church ([Matthew 28:19, 20](#); [Acts 2:41, 42](#); [Acts 18:8](#); [1 Corinthians 11:23-26](#)).

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