

Village Schools of the Bible Statement of Faith

The Holy Scriptures

We believe the Scriptures, Old and New Testaments, to be the verbally inspired Word of God, inerrant and infallible in the original manuscripts and the final authority in faith and life (2 Timothy 3:15-17; 2 Peter 1:20, 21; Psalm 19:7).

The Godhead

We believe in one God, eternally existing in three persons—Father, Son and Holy Spirit—who are identical in essence, equal in power and glory, possessing the same attributes and perfection (Deuteronomy 6:4; Matthew 28:19; 2 Corinthians 13:14).

The Condition of Man

We believe that man was created in the image and likeness of God, in innocence and without sin. But in Adam's sin the race fell, inherited a sinful nature, becoming spiritually dead and alienated from God, so that man is a sinner by both nature and imputation and man, of himself, is incapable of remedying his lost and depraved condition (Genesis 1:26; 3:1-24; Romans 3:10-18, 5:12; Ephesians 2:13).

The Person & Work of Christ

We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ, the eternal Son of God, became man without ceasing to be God; that He was conceived of the Holy Spirit and born of a virgin, in order that He might redeem sinful man. He accomplished this redemption by voluntarily giving Himself as a sinless substitutionary sacrifice on the cross, thereby satisfying God's righteous judgment against sin. He gave proof that He accomplished that redemption by His bodily resurrection from the grave. He ascended to the right hand of His Father, where He intercedes on behalf of those who trust Him. We believe in the personal, pre-millennial return of Christ for His Church (John 1:1, 13, 18, 22; Luke 1:34, 35; Romans 8:24-26, 8:35; I Thessalonians 4:13-18).

The Person and Work of the Holy Spirit

We believe that the Holy Spirit is the Divine Person who convicts the world of sin; that He alone brings new life to those who are spiritually dead; that He baptizes all believers into the one true Church, which is the Body of Christ; that He indwells them permanently, seals them unto the day of redemption, bestows spiritual gifts upon them, fills those who are yielding to Him (John 3:3-8, 16:7-11; I Corinthians 12:7-11, 13; John 14:16, 17; Ephesians 4:30, 5:18).

Salvation

We believe that salvation is the gift of God's grace given to all who have trusted in Christ for salvation. It includes all that God does in saving believers from the penalty, the power and the presence of sin and in restoring them to a right relationship with God. (Ephesians 1:7; 2:8, 9; John 1-12; 2 Corinthians 5:21; Philippians 1:6).

The Eternal State

We believe that at death the souls of those who have trusted Christ for salvation pass immediately into His presence and remain there in conscious bliss until the resurrection of the body when soul and body will be reunited. We also believe that at death the souls of unbelievers remain forever separated from God in the lake of fire (Luke 16:19-26; 2 Corinthians 5:8; Philippians 1:22; 2 Thessalonians 1:7-9; Revelation 20:11-15).