

# Statement of Faith

**The Scriptures:** We believe that all of Scripture (both the Old and New Testament) is verbally inspired by God and is our final authority in all matters pertaining to doctrine, reproof, correction, and instruction in righteousness (II Tim. 3:16, 17).

**God:** We believe in only one true God; One in essence, nature, and attributes, but existing in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (I Jn. 5:7).

**Jesus Christ:** We believe in the deity of the Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, of His shed blood on Calvary for the forgiveness of our sins, of His bodily resurrection and ascension to the Father's right hand. We do not believe that He is simply "a" way to the Father, but rather the only way through which we can receive righteousness, regeneration, sanctification, and glorification. He is, in fact, our salvation (I Cor. 1:30-31).

**Holy Spirit:** We believe in the baptism with the Holy Spirit, expressed with speaking in tongues according to Acts 1:8; 2:4; 9:17; 10:44-46; 11:15, 16; and 19:6. We believe this experience is distinct from, and subsequent to, the new birth, and can be received by faith (Gal. 3:2).

**Salvation:** We believe that all who, in repentance and faith, receive the Lord Jesus as Savior and Lord are born again (Acts 20:20-21; Rom. 10:9-13).

**Healing:** We believe that the redemptive work of Christ on the cross has provided healing for the human body (Mt. 8:16, 17; Isa. 53:4; I Pet. 2:24).

**The Resurrection:** We believe in the resurrection of the just and the unjust; one to everlasting life and one to everlasting damnation (Mt. 25:46).

**The Second Coming:** We believe in a literal, physical second return of the Lord Jesus Christ (I Th. 1:10; 4:16-17).

**The Church:** We believe that the universal church is comprised of all true believers who have received salvation through Christ (Eph. 1:22-23).

**Gifts of the Spirit:** We believe that spiritual gifts and manifestations of the Holy Spirit are for the common good and building up of others today (I Cor. 12:7).

CHARIS is the Greek word for GRACE and it is defined as: The merciful love and grace by which God turns us to Christ, forgives us, keeps and strengthens us, and increases us in the blessings and inheritance of those who are in faith in Jesus Christ.