Doctrinal Statement

THE SCRIPTURES

We believe the King James Bible (Hebrews 4:12a, Ecclesiastes 8:4, Romans 13:1, Revelation 17:14, Mark 3:14,17-18, Romans 3:1-2, Matthew 13:55, James 1:1) is the inspired, infallible word of God, providentially preserved and translated without error in the English language (Psalms 12:6-7, 119:160, Colossians 1:18, 1 John 4:2, Acts 24:14) to be our self-sufficient final authority in all matters of faith and practice (2 Timothy 3:16, Psalms 138:2, Colossians 2:8, Matthew 15:1-14, Romans 3:4, Acts 17:11) and hence, no part of it can be improved upon (Exodus 20:25), "corrected" (Genesis 3:1, Mark 4:15, Proverbs 24:21), or conclusively defined (Genesis 40:8, 1 Corinthians 2:13) with supposed knowledge of Hebrew and Greek (Acts 2:6, Matthew 1:23, Mark 5:41, 15:34, Mark 15:22 with John 19:17, John 1:38,41-42, 9:7, Acts 4:36, Hebrews 7:1-2).

We believe that all the English versions produced after the KJV are corrupt (2 Corinthians 2:17), lifeless (1 Peter 1:23) perversions of the word of God (Jeremiah 23:28-36, Proverbs 30:5-6, Revelation 22:18-19, 1 Timothy 4:1, Mark 4:15, Matthew 7:15-18, Romans 1:25) that teach heresies (2 Peter 2:1, Romans 16:17), weaken doctrine (Philippians 3:1, 2 Timothy 3:16), distort and hide the gospel (Galatians 1:6-9, 2 Corinthians 11:3-4, 2 Timothy 3:15), weaken Christians' faith (1 John 5:13), hinder soul-winning (Titus 1:9, James 1:21, Romans 10:17, Acts 18:28), cause confusion (Proverbs 20:10, Acts 19:32, James 1:8), cause apathy (Mark 1:22, 1 Timothy 4:2, Hebrews 4:12), weaken churches (1 Corinthians 1:10, Matthew 6:24, Mark 12:24, Romans 15:4), make Christians vulnerable (Ephesians 6:13,17, Luke 4:8, 2 Corinthians 2:11, Psalms 11:3, 119:10-11,105, Acts 17:11), hinder spiritual growth (Acts 20:32, Psalms 119:9, 2 Timothy 2:15, 3:16-17, 1 John 2:1), insult God (1 Thessalonians 2:13, Titus 1:2), and distort God's character (Malachi 3:6, 1 Corinthians 14:33, 2 Corinthians 11:4).

THE CREATION

We believe in the Genesis account of a literal six-day creation (Exodus 20:11) roughly 6000 years ago, and that the theory of evolution is a satanic deception (Genesis 3:4, 1 Timothy 6:20) with no scientific evidence to support it. Anyone's attempt to reconcile belief in evolution with belief in the Bible is an ignorant and cowardly compromise (John 12:43, Romans 12:2) representing a distortion or rejection of the clear teachings of Genesis, which nullifies the authority of the rest of scripture (John 5:46-47) in the minds of them and their audiences.

We believe human life begins at conception (<u>2 Samuel 11:5</u>, <u>Isaiah 7:14</u> with <u>Matthew 1:23</u>), and hence, abortion is murder (<u>Psalms 106:38</u>, <u>139:13-16</u>, <u>Proverbs 6:16-17</u>, <u>Exodus 21:22-23</u>, <u>2 Kings 8:12-13</u>, <u>Isaiah 48:8</u>, <u>49:1,5</u>, <u>Jeremiah 1:4-5</u>, <u>20:14-18</u>, <u>Amos 1:13</u>, <u>Luke 1:41-44</u> with 6:20a,23a).

THE CREATOR

We believe God (Jehovah) is a Trinity – the Father, the Son (Jesus Christ), and the Holy Ghost (the Holy Spirit) (1 John 5:7, John 1:1,14, 10:30,38, 14:9, 2 John 1:3,7, Genesis 1:26-27, 11:6-9, Hosea 12:4-5, 2 Corinthians 3:17, Luke 20:42), and therefore, though the Lord Jesus Christ is "the only begotten Son of God," He is also God Himself (Matthew 1:23, Luke 2:33, 8:39, John 1:1-14, 14:9, 20:26-28, Hebrews 1:8, Acts 20:28 with Hebrews 9:11-12 and 13:12 and Revelation 1:5, Romans 8:9, 9:5, 1 Corinthians 15:47, 1 Timothy 3:16 with 1 John 4:2, Philippians 2:6, Isaiah 44:6 with Revelation 1:11-18, 1 John 3:16, Romans 1:19-20 with Colossians 2:8-9, Psalms 107:19,23-29 with Matthew 8:23-27, Hosea 13:4 with Matthew 1:21 and Luke 2:11 and John 4:42, 1 John 1:5 with Acts 26:13-15, Exodus 3:14 with John 8:58).

THE GOSPEL

We believe that all men sin (Romans 3:23) and therefore are destined to be punished forever in a literal, fiery hell (Mark 9:43, Luke 16:22-24, Romans 6:23, Revelation 21:8) unless they receive the gift of salvation, which is only (Matthew 7:14, John 14:6) by grace through faith (Ephesians 2:8-9, Galatians 2:16, 1 Peter 1:5,9, Acts 10:43-45 with 15:7-11) in the finished (John 19:30) blood atonement (Romans 3:22-25, Hebrews 9:22-28, 1 John 1:5-8, Ephesians 1:7, Revelation 1:5) of the Lord Jesus Christ (Acts 16:31, 1 Corinthians 15:1-4).

We believe that every person who has not been born again (<u>John 3:3-7</u>) is spiritually dead (<u>Ephesians 2:1-5</u>) and is a child of the devil (<u>John 8:44</u>, <u>Acts 13:10</u>, <u>Romans 8:6-8</u>), and therefore is destined for hell (<u>Mark 9:43</u>) until they believe the gospel (<u>Romans 10:9-10</u>), which is the death, burial, and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ (<u>1 Corinthians 15:1-4</u>), whereby they receive the imputed righteousness of God (<u>Romans 4:3-5</u>, <u>10:3-4</u>) and their salvation becomes eternally secure (<u>1 John 5:13</u>, <u>Philippians 1:6</u>).

We believe that when a person is saved, he is made a new creature in Christ Jesus (2 Corinthians 5:17, Ephesians 2:10), is baptized by the Holy Spirit into the body of Christ (1 Corinthians 12:13), is made a child of God (John 1:12, Romans 8:14-17), and is predestined to be conformed to the image of Christ (Romans 8:29-30, Philippians 3:20-21, 1 John 3:2).

We believe that believers should be careful to maintain good works, but they are not necessary for salvation (Titus 3:8, Romans 4:3-6).