



Christian Endeavor

Statement of Faith

- We believe the Bible is verbally inspired of God and inerrant in the original writings. The Bible is the infallible Word of God, that it is God's Holy and inspired Word, both Old and New Testament, and is the supreme and final authority for matters of Christian faith and conduct.

John 17:17; Galatians 3:16; 2 Timothy 3:16–17; 2 Peter 1:19–21

- We believe there is one true God, who is infinite, perfectly holy, and eternal, existing in three persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, each having precisely the same nature, attributes, and perfections.

Matthew 28:19–20; John 1:1–2; Acts 5:3–4; Colossians 2:9

- We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ is fully God and fully man. He was eternally brought about by the Father, conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the Virgin Mary. We believe that Jesus Christ died for the sins of the whole world as the substitution for the death we should have died, and that his crucified body was raised from the dead, and that he ascended into heaven to appear before the Father as our high priest, advocate, and mediator.

Luke 1:35; Romans 9:5; 1 Corinthians 15:1–3; Philippians 2:6–11; Colossians 1:15–17, 2:9; Hebrews 4:15, 9:24; 1 Timothy 2:5; 1 Peter 1:3, 2:24, 3:18; 1 John 2:2

- We believe that the Holy Spirit came in a special sense on the Day of Pentecost, indwelling every believer. In this age, the Holy Spirit carries out the ministries of restraining evil in the world; convicting people of sin, righteousness, and judgment; regenerating and indwelling all believers; baptizing them into the Body of Christ; sealing them unto the day of redemption; and empowering them for sanctification and service.

John 14:16–17, 16:7–15; Romans 8:9; 1 Corinthians 6:19, 12:13, 28–30; Ephesians 2:20–22, 4:1–16, 30; Hebrews 2:1–4; Titus 3:5.

- We believe God created male and female in his image and that when Adam succumbed to the temptation of Satan and chose to disobey God, sin and its curse was brought upon the human race. Since the penalty of sin is death, as long as people live in sin, we are dead spiritually and face a physical death and eternal punishment in hell. This fall from grace put man in the position of needing forgiveness in order that our fellowship with God might be restored. All human beings, with the exception of Christ Jesus, are born with a sin nature, are accountable for their sin, and need to be born again.

Genesis 1:1, 26; Psalm 51:5; Jeremiah 17:9, John 3:3–7; Romans 3:10–12, 5:12; Ephesians 2:1–10; 1 John 1:8–10.

- We believe that salvation was provided for everyone in the whole world and was accomplished solely by the finished work of Christ shedding his blood upon the cross, and no work on the part of any person can merit this salvation. When a person confesses the fact that he is a sinner and receives the Lord Jesus Christ as Savior,

through faith, he is born anew of the Holy Spirit. He becomes a new creation, a member of the true Church, indwelt by the Holy Spirit. This salvation is not the result of any human effort or works, but is the free gift of God's grace in Jesus Christ, once for all, forever.

John 3:16, 6:37, 10:27–30; 2 Corinthians 5:14; Ephesians 2:8–9; 1 Timothy 2:3–6; 1 Peter 1:18–19, 23; 2 Peter 1:3–4

- We believe the Church universal began at Pentecost with the baptism of the Holy Spirit and consists of all those who believe in the Lord Jesus Christ. Christ is the Head of the Church, called His Body. The local church is a body of believers in Christ who are joined together under scriptural leadership for the worship of God, for edification through the Word of God, for prayer, for fellowship, for the proclamation of the Gospel, and for observance of the ordinances of baptism and the Lord's Supper. We believe that all who accept God's gift of salvation should attend and support their local church.

Matthew 16:16–18; Acts 1:4-5, 2:42–47, 11:15-16; Romans 12:5; Ephesians 1:20–23; Philippians 1:1; 1 Corinthians 12:13; 1 Timothy 3:15.