

Scarlet on Stone bible study

The blood of the One who is the Rock of our salvation | Psalm 18:2,46 - Revelation 1:5

Statement of Faith

THE HOLY SCRIPTURES

We believe that the Bible, which consists only of the 39 books in the Old Testament and the 27 books in the New Testament, is the inspired, infallible Word of God. The Bible is God's revelation to man given by the Holy Spirit and is verbally inspired in every word and absolutely inerrant in the original text. Therefore, we believe that the Bible is God-breathed and is sufficient for salvation and sanctification and is the supreme, final and authoritative rule for faith, and life.

GOD

We believe that there is one living and true God. He is infinite, perfect, all powerful, all knowing Spirit who is love and light and in whom there is no darkness. He is one in essence and eternally exists in three Persons: Father, Son & Holy Spirit.

THE FATHER

We believe that the Father, who is the first person of the Trinity, is the absolute, sovereign ruler and creator of the universe. He is the eternal Father of Jesus Christ and the giver of the Holy Spirit. By Providence He upholds, directs and governs all creation to the praise of the glory of His wisdom, power, justice, goodness and mercy. By His eternal Love and Grace, He gave us His only Son, Jesus Christ so that those who are called to faith in Jesus are justified, adopted, sanctified and kept by His power through faith unto salvation.

JESUS CHRIST - GOD THE SON

We believe that Jesus Christ, who is the second person of the Trinity, possesses all of the divine qualities and is coequal and eternal with the Father. Jesus Christ also represents humanity and Deity (fully God and fully man) in an inseparable union. Everything in creation was created through Him and for Him and continues because of Him. Jesus as God incarnate (God becoming man) represents the express image of God to man, in that He took the form of humanity. He was conceived by the miraculous power of the Holy Spirit, and was born of the virgin Mary. He lived a sinless life, produced miracles and provided the atonement for our sins by His substitutionary death on the Cross. He was resurrected in bodily form on the third day and ascended to the right hand of God the Father and ever lives to make intercession for us as Advocate, High Priest and King.

THE HOLY SPIRIT

We believe that the Holy Spirit, who is the third person of the Trinity, possesses all of the divine qualities and is coequal, eternal and consubstantial with the Father and the Son. The divine work of the Holy Spirit has been recognized in the sovereign acts of creation, the incarnation, the written revelation & the work of salvation. The activities of the Holy Spirit in our age include the conviction of sin, righteousness and judgment; the glorifying of Jesus Christ; regeneration and the transformation of the believer into the image of Christ. The Holy Spirit baptizes all believers into the body of Christ and indwells, instructs, sanctifies, comforts and empowers them to service and Christ-likeness. We believe the Holy Spirit has provided spiritual gifts to the body for the purpose of edification and these gifts should be exercised according to the mandates and guidelines of scripture.

MAN

We believe that man was created in the image and likeness of God. Man was created free of sin and was given intelligence, self determination and moral responsibility. We believe that man's purpose at the creation was to give God glory and to have fellowship with Him. However, because of Adam's sin, which has been transmitted down to all men, man lost his innocence and incurred the penalty of physical and spiritual death. Because of this, all people by nature, choice and divine declaration are separated from God and are responsible for their own sin. Though man, in his natural state, is wholly incapable of pleasing and earning the merit of God, it is through His Grace and Love that the means of salvation have been provided through the redemptive work of His Son Jesus Christ.

SALVATION

We believe that salvation is provided and initiated wholly and solely by God alone through His grace. Salvation is by Grace alone and through faith in Jesus Christ alone to the Glory of God and is given to all who put their faith in Jesus Christ and repent of their sins. Regeneration is a supernatural work of the Holy Spirit in which the believer, who was once dead in his sins, has been made alive by the Grace of God. This work of Grace is based only on the finished, redemptive work of Jesus Christ through His shed blood, His resurrection from the dead and His ascension to the right hand of the Father.

THE CHURCH

UNIVERSAL CHURCH

We believe that all (whether alive or dead) who have put their trust and faith in the finished work of Jesus Christ are gathered by the Holy Spirit into one spiritual body called the church, the Bride of Christ where Jesus is the Head.

LOCAL CHURCH

We believe that the local church, under the headship of Jesus Christ, provides a place of gathering together believers with the purpose of glorifying and worshipping God, providing instruction in the Word, building up of the faith of believers and advancing the Gospel. We believe that leadership within the local church should be conducted in accordance with what has been outlined in scripture and with a dependance on the leading of the Holy Spirit.

ORDINANCES

We believe that water baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances to be observed by the Church during the present age. They are, however, not regarded as a means of salvation but a picture of the salvation already received by the believer.

LAST THINGS

CHRIST'S RETURN/ JUDGEMENT

We believe in the personal, premillennial and imminent return of our Lord Jesus Christ, and that this "Blessed Hope" has a vital bearing on the personal life and service of the believer. We believe in the rapture of the church before the seven year Great Tribulation where Jesus will translate His church from the earth. We believe that Jesus will return with His Bride, the church, to the earth following the Great Tribulation to establish His Messianic Kingdom which will last for a 1000 years. This will be followed by the eternal state of glory for all believers with God and the establishment of the New Heaven and the New Earth, which will be the dwelling place of all believers in eternal blessed fellowship with God. We believe in the bodily resurrection of all the dead; of the believer to everlasting blessedness and joy with the Lord, and of the unbeliever to everlasting conscious punishment.