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**STATEMENT OF FAITH**

All Scripture is God-breathed, the infallible and inerrant word of God and being Truth, requires our unreserved submission in all areas of life. 2 Timothy 3:16-17 & Revelation 22:18-19

Scripture interpretation is not based upon an individual or a cultural norm or idea. Scripture interprets itself as it is the Word of the one, true God. The truth of Scripture is revealed through the Holy Spirit and all revelation through the Holy Spirit is to be tested upon Scripture. 1 John 5:6-12 & 2 Peter 1:20

In the triune God, one in essence and eternally existing as three persons: God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit; the sovereign Creator and Sustainer of all things. God is Spirit and we worship Him in spirit and in truth. John 4:24

Jesus Christ, the living Word, became flesh. He is truly God and truly man. Born of a virgin, conceived through the Holy Spirit. He will return again to earth. Isaiah 7:14 & John 1:1

The Holy Spirit, the third person of the Trinity, has come to glorify Christ and give new life to us, empower, and impart gifts to us for service. 2 Corinthians 1:21-22 & 2 Corinthians 2:12-13

Our salvation is wholly dependent upon the work of God’s grace, through our faith in Jesus’ death and resurrection. Ephesians 2:8

Scripture states all persons are made in the image of God and therefore we believe:

* Life begins at conception. Each human life is precious and bears the image of God. When God created man, He breathed life into his lungs. Man differs from other created beings and is the pinnacle of creation – created “very good.”
* Gender is assigned by God at birth through a person’s natural biological identity, being either male or female. And that even on a cellular level the difference between male and female is known and revealed through scientific discovery and is both wonderful and purposeful. Scripture teaches we are fearfully and wonderfully made, created as male or female by our Creator God.
* Marriage is defined by Scripture as an exclusive and covenantal relationship between one man and one woman. And that the institution of family was designed by God for His glory and the procreation of the earth. Having created humanity to be male or female as assigned at birth, we are created to leave father and mother and cleave to our spouse (a husband or a wife).
* Children are a gift from the Lord, and we as parents are stewards of the children God entrusts to our care. We are to lead and guide them into desiring a saving relationship with Jesus Christ, obeying His commands, and going and making disciples. Children are under the authority (as we are under the authority of God) of their parents on earth and are to love, respect and honor both mother and father.

Psalm 139:13-14; Genesis 1:26-32; Exodus 20:12; Deuteronomy 6:4-9; Ephesians 5:22-33 & Genesis 2:24

The Lord Jesus Christ commands all believers to proclaim the Gospel throughout the world and to make disciples of all nations. Believers are to be always prepared to give an account for our hope. Matthew 28:18-19 & 1 Peter 3:15