



STATEMENT OF FAITH

We believe the Holy Scriptures as originally given to be the verbally inspired Word of God, absolutely authoritative and infallible.

We believe in one God existing in three persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, co-equal and eternal.

We believe that man was created in innocence but fell in Adam and is now totally unable to recover from his lost condition.

We believe that salvation has been provided through the substitutionary sacrifice of the Lord Jesus Christ, Who was born of the virgin Mary, suffered and died for our sins upon the cross, rose from the dead, ascended to God's right hand and is coming again. We further believe that this salvation is received by the grace of God, through the regenerating work of the Holy Spirit, and in response to repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ.

We believe that the Church is the body of Christ formed by the baptism of the Holy Spirit and that all believers are members thereof, and are a holy and royal priesthood, and that this mystical Body of Christ manifests itself visibly in local bodies of believers for the purpose of Christian fellowship, teaching, testimony, and the administration of the ordinances of Baptism and the Lord's Supper.

We believe that every believer is indwelt by the Holy Spirit and is therefore a "partaker of the divine nature," and that the old nature is present until the Christian is glorified. We believe that God's children may experience healing in answer to prayer but that healing for all sickness and infirmity cannot presently be claimed on the basis of Christ's redeeming work. We believe that the Holy Spirit is sovereign in the bestowment of the gifts. We believe that the Christ-controlled life is the evidence of the fullness of the Holy Spirit.

We believe in the everlasting blessedness of the saved, and the eternal judgment of all who reject our Lord Jesus Christ.

We believe that the return of Jesus Christ will be personal and imminent.

We believe it is the responsibility of all who are saved to win others to Jesus Christ.

We believe that the sanctification of the believer includes adherence to the practice of moral purity. We believe that sexual intimacy is a wonderful gift of God that is only to be expressed between one man and one woman (as genetically defined and originally born though God's Sovereign plan for each individual), and that within the love and bonds of marriage sacredly vowed by one man and one woman (Genesis 2:24 - 25; Matthew 19:4 - 6; I Corinthians 7:3 - 5; Hebrews 13:4). Therefore, we believe that any other form of sexual intimacy is both immoral and a perversion of God's design and gift (Leviticus 18:1 - 30; Proverbs 6:32; 1 Corinthians 6:18; Romans 1:26 - 27; 1 Thessalonians 4:3 - 8).

Position Statement

The Modern Charismatic Statement: We are not in agreement with the modern charismatic movement, with its emphasis on the first century lesser gifts.

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