

What We Believe

Statements of Faith

- Apostles' Creed
- Nicene Creed
- Chalcedonian Creed

Doctrine of God

- One God eternally existing as one essence and three distinct persons: God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit

Doctrine of Revelation

- God has made Himself known to the world in Jesus Christ, the Scriptures and creation

Doctrine of Creation and Providence

- God created the world from nothing and governs all things at all times in all places

Doctrine of Humanity

- God made humanity—male and female—in His own image
- Adam and Eve were made to complement each other in a one-flesh union in the covenant of marriage that establishes the only God-ordained pattern of sexual relations for men and women
- ❖ ***Distinctive || Complementarianism***
- ❖ Men and women are absolutely equal in essence, dignity and value but are distinct by divine design. As part of God's good created order, men and women are to have different yet complementary roles and responsibilities in the home and church. As it relates to the church, men and women are both expected to lead; however, the office of elder is reserved for qualified men

Doctrine of Sin

- We believe that sin has fractured all things, leaving the world in desperate need of salvation

Doctrine of Salvation

- We believe that salvation is by grace alone through faith alone in Christ alone
- ❖ ***Distinctive || Sovereignty of God in Salvation***
- ❖ Salvation is the work of God. Before the foundation of the world, God elected His people, setting His affection and grace upon them. In love God predestined His people for adoption. Faith is a gift of grace that is given by the mercy and pleasure of God, so that no one may boast. Apart from the intervention of God, humanity cannot choose of his own accord to worship God and pursue righteousness

Doctrine of the Church

- God, by His Word and Spirit, creates the Church, calling sinful humanity into the fellowship of Christ's body. The Church exists to worship and glorify God as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, make disciples, be in prayer, teach the Word of God, observe the ordinances given us, fellowship with the Church Body, exercise our Spiritual gifts and talents, and to proclaim the gospel both in our community and throughout the world
- ❖ ***Distinctive || Gifts of the Holy Spirit***
- ❖ The gifts of the Holy Spirit that we see on display in the New Testament are still active within the life of the church. These gifts did not end with the close of the New Testament or the death of the last apostle
- We believe there are two ordinances of the Church.
 - Believer's baptism in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit is only intended for those who have received the saving benefits of Christ through the new birth of the Holy Spirit. Water baptism is a public proclamation, a visual and symbolic demonstration of a person's union with Christ, water baptism does not provide salvation in of itself.
 - ❖ ***Distinctive || Baptism by Immersion***
 - ❖ The precedent we find in the New Testament is baptism following conversion by immersion into water. Baptism by immersion is meant to symbolically depict the believer's real union to Christ in His death and resurrection
 - The Lord's Supper is to be observed only by those who have become genuine followers of Christ. This ordinance symbolizes the breaking of Christ's body and the shedding of His blood on our behalf and is to

be observed repeatedly throughout the Christian life as a sign of continued participation in the atoning benefits of Christ's death. The Lord's Supper does not provide salvation in of itself

Doctrine of Resurrection and Consummation of the Kingdom of God

- Jesus Christ is returning to the world in the future to judge the living and the dead. The righteous, in glorious bodies, will live and reign with Him forever, serving Him and giving Him unending praise and glory. Then the eager expectation of creation will be fulfilled, and the whole earth shall proclaim the glory of God, who makes all things new