

Statement of Faith for Non-Voting Membership for the

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Chapter 1

Reason for Man’s Existence

- I. We believe that man* exists to glorify God (*I Cor. 10:31*).

Chapter 2

Holy Scriptures

- I. We believe in the inspiration of the Bible (*Matt. 5:17-18; 2 Tim. 3:16*).

Chapter 3

Holy Trinity

- I. We believe God is Spirit in nature; God is infinite in all His attributes; He is One God in three persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit (*John 14:26; 15:26; Judges 6:11-22; Gen.19:24; Isa.6:8; Exodus 23:20-21*).

Chapter 4

Creation

- I. We believe God created the heavens and the earth and sustains all things according to His divine will. (*Gen. 1: 1-31*).

Chapter 5

Man’s Image and Death

- I. We believe God created man in His own image, which gives man of every race intrinsic worth and dignity; we are not an animal produced by a chance driven evolutionary process (*Gen. 1:26*).
- II. We believe man has an immortal soul, which will depart at death and either go to heaven or hell--eternal conscious torment forever, not annihilation (*Matt. 8:12; Rev. 14:10-11*).

Chapter 6

Original Sin

- I. We believe in original sin—that is, man is born into sin as a result of Adam and Eve’s fall (disobedience and sin) in the Garden of Eden (*Rom. 5:12; Gen. 5:3; 6:5*).
- II. We believe that man cannot merit grace from God for our inherited sin from Adam; we are dependent on Christ for our salvation (*Rom. 4:5*).

Chapter 7

Pre-existence of Christ

- I. We believe Christ actually existed in history and that the Father sent His Son to a lost mankind.
- II. We believe Christ is the eternal pre-existent Word of God; He is the long-awaited Messiah (*John 1:1-2*).
- III. We believe Christ had two natures, but one person; He is God of very God man of very man (*John 1:1, 18; 20-28*).

Chapter 8

Crucifixion

- I. We believe Christ was crucified for our sins, rose bodily on the third day for our justification, seen by over 500 people and ascended into heaven (*I Cor.15:6; Acts 1:3; Mark 16:9-14*).

Chapter 9

Virgin Birth

- I. We believe in the incarnation of Christ—He was born of a virgin and is the pre-existent Word of God (*I John 4:2*).

Chapter 10

Justification and Repentance

- I. We believe that man is saved by grace alone, through faith alone and Christ alone; it is the imputed righteousness, which is credited to man (*Rom. 4:5*).
- II. We believe repentance towards God and faith in Jesus Christ are essential to salvation (*2 Peter 3:9; Acts 8:22; Mark 1:4*).

Chapter 11

Church

- I. We believe that the Christian church consists of all who place their faith in Jesus Christ for salvation; we consider them brothers and sisters irrespective of the denominational distinctions (*Col. 1:24*).

Chapter 12

Resurrection and the New Heavens and New Earth

- I. We believe Christ will return to judge the living and the dead; God will resurrect the dead, both saved and unsaved; He will establish a New Heaven and a New Earth (*I Thess. 4:14; Rev. 21:1-2*).

Chapter 13

Marriage

- I. We believe that marriage is between a man and a woman; we believe this a *creation ordinance* and is not a social contract (*Matt. 9 & Gen. 1 and 2*).
- II. We believe that God condemns sex outside of marriage as sin and will judge fornicators and adulterers (*Heb. 13:4*).
- III. We believe that Homosexuality and Lesbianism is condemned in the Scriptures as sin and unnatural deviation (*Rom. 1:24, 26,27 & Lev. 18:22*).

Chapter 14

Creationism

- I. We believe God created the heavens and the earth “ex-nihilo”—that is, out nothing (*Genesis 1: 1-31*).

Chapter 15

Political Correctness and Judging

- I. We believe “political correctness” is a heresy in the 21st century church—*Matt. 7:1* was in reference to the hypocrites who would condemn someone for doing something they themselves were doing (*v.5*); We believe that Christ commanded us to “judge a righteous judgment” (*John 7:24; Matt. 7:6-20; I John 2:4; I Cor. 6:9-11; Gal. 5:1—21*).
- II. We believe that the “cult of popularity” is detrimental to obeying Christ (*Luke 6:26*). Christ warned us that if everyone likes us, this not a blessing, but a curse!

Chapter 16

Christian Worldview

- I. We believe Christ has the preeminence in all things (*Colossians 1:18*).
- II. We believe every believer in Christ should be “competent to defend the Faith” (*Jude 3; I Peter 3:15*).

Notes:

- * The term “man” used in this statement of faith means both “male and female.”
(The above is read as Chapters and Articles for reference purposes.)

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