

### **Full Statement of Faith:**

***Only the sixty-six books of the Bible*** are the inspired, and therefore inerrant, Word of God. The Bible is the final authority for all we believe and how we are to live. (Matthew 5:18; John 10:35 and 17:17; 2 Timothy 3:16-17; 2 Peter 1:20-21)

***The one true God exists in three persons-*** Father, Son and Holy Spirit- and that these, being one God, are equal in deity, power and glory. God not only created the world but now also upholds, sustains, governs and providentially directs all that exists and He will bring all things to their proper consummation in Messiah Jesus to the glory of His name. (Psalm 104 and 139; Matthew 10:29-31 and 28:19; Acts 17:24-28; 2 Corinthians 13:14; Ephesians 1:9-12 and 4:4-6; Colossians 1:16-17; Hebrews 1:1-3; Revelation 1:4-6)

***Adam*** was originally created in the image of God, righteous and without sin. In consequence of his disobedience, Adam's posterity are born subject to both imputed and inherent sin, and are therefore by nature and choice the children of wrath, justly condemned in the sight of God, wholly unable to save themselves or contribute in any way their acceptance with God. (Genesis 1-3; Psalm 51:5; Ecclesiastes 7:20; Isaiah 53:5; Romans 3:9-18 and 5:12-21; Ephesians 2:1-3)

***Jesus Messiah*** is God incarnate, fully God and fully man. He was conceived and born of a virgin, lived a sinless life, and offered Himself as a penal, substitutionary sacrifice for sinners. By His blood shed at the cross, He obtained for us eternal redemption, the forgiveness of sins and life everlasting. He was raised bodily on the third day and ascended to the right hand of the Father, there to make intercession for the saints. (Matthew 1:18-25; John 1:1-18; Romans 8:34; 1 Corinthians 15:1-28; 2 Corinthians 5:21; Galatians 3:10-14; Ephesians 1:7; Philippians 2:6-11; Colossians 1:15-23; Hebrews 7:25, 9:13-15 and 10:19; 1 Peter 2:21-15; 1 John 2:1-2)

***Salvation*** is by grace alone, through faith alone, in Messiah alone. No ordinance, ritual, work or any other activity on the part of man is required or accepted in order to be saved. This saving grace of God, through the power of the Holy Spirit, also sanctifies us by enabling us to do what is pleasing in God's sight in order that we might be progressively conformed to the image of Messiah. (John 1:12-13; 6:37-44 and 10:25-30; Acts 16:30-31; Romans 3-4 and 8:1-17, 31-39 and 10:8-10; Philippians 2:12-13; Titus 3:3-7; 1 John 1:7,9)

The Lord Jesus Messiah baptizes believers in the ***Holy Spirit***, in whom we are also sealed for the day of redemption. The Holy Spirit regenerates, forever indwells, and graciously equips the Christian for godly living and service. Subsequent to conversion, the Spirit desires to fill, empower and anoint believers for ministry and witness. Signs and wonders, as well as all the gifts of the Spirit described in the New Testament, are operative today and are designed to testify to the presence of the Kingdom and to empower and edify the body of Messiah to fulfill its calling and mission. (Matthew 3:11; John 1:12-13 and 3:1-15; Acts 4:29-30; Romans 8:9 and 12:3-8; 1 Corinthians 12:12-13; 2 Corinthians 1:21-22; Galatians 3:1-5; Ephesians 1:13-14 and 5:18)

**Water baptism and the Lord's Supper** are the two ordinances of the faith to be observed until the time of Messiah's return. They are not a means of salvation, but are channels of God's sanctifying grace and blessing to the faithful in Messiah. (Matthew 26:26-29 and 28:19; Romans 6:3-11; 1 Corinthians 11:23-34; 1 Peter 3:21)

**The Ekklesia** (church/synagogue/assembly/fellowship/community) is a global government of Jewish and Gentile believers, called to cooperate in God's redemptive purposes in the earth. To equip the saints for works of ministry, Jesus has given to His Ekklesia apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers. The Ekklesia is a priesthood of all believers, who are called and united by the ministry of the Holy Spirit to proclaim, demonstrate, and disciple the nations in the Gospel of the Kingdom of our Lord Jesus Messiah. We believe that women, no less than men, are called and gifted to proclaim the Gospel and do all the works of the Kingdom. (Matthew 16:17-19; Acts 2:17-18, 42; Ephesians 3:14-21 and 4:11-16; 1 Timothy 2:11-15; Hebrews 10:23-25; 1 Peter 2:4-5 and 9-10)

God has called His Ekklesia to preach the **Gospel of the Kingdom** to all nations and especially to remember the poor, orphaned and widowed, ministering to their needs through sacrificial giving and practical service. This ministry is an expression of the heart of the Lord Jesus Messiah and is an essential part of the Kingdom of God. (Isaiah 58:6-12 and 61:1; Matthew 5-7, 28:18-20; Luke 4:18 and 21:1-4; Galatians 2:10; 1 Timothy 6:8; James 1:27)

There shall be a **literal return of the resurrected and glorified Jewish Messiah**, Jesus of Nazareth. He will return to Earth personally and visibly to consummate His Kingdom. The generation of Jesus' return will see the great falling away & the revealing of a human anti-Messiah before Jesus returns. The generation of His return will also witness and participate in the greatest expression of the Holy Spirit's ministry and discipleship during the final days, months, and years prior to Jesus' return. This will result in the emergence of a victorious Ekklesia that will experience unprecedented unity, purity, and power in the Holy Spirit. (Psalms 2:7-9 and 22:27-28; John 14:12 and 17:20-26; Romans 11:25-32; 1 Corinthians 15:20-28, 50-58; Ephesians 4:11-16; Philippians 3:20-21; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-5:11; 2 Thessalonians 1:3-12; 2 Thessalonians 2:1-12; Revelation 7:9-14)

**When the Christian dies** they pass immediately into the blessed presence of Messiah, there to enjoy conscious fellowship with the Savior until the day of resurrection and glorious transformation of the body. The saved will then forever dwell in blissful fellowship with their great triune God. **When the unbeliever dies** they are consigned to Hell, there to await the Day of Judgment when they shall be punished with eternal, conscious, and tormented separation from the presence of God in the lake of fire. (Matthew 25:46; Luke 16:19-31; John 5:25-29; 1 Corinthians 15:35-58; 2 Corinthians 5:1-10; Philippians 1:19-26 and 3:20-21; 2 Thessalonians 1:5-10; Revelation 20:11-15 and 21:1-22:15)

**Satan is an evil principality** who opposes Israel and seeks to deceive, murder, and destroy the image of God throughout mankind. As the prince and ruler of this age, Satan's adversarial case seeks to condemn all who bear the image of God (humanity) and especially those who are of the seed of Abraham (ethnic Israel). We undermine Satan's authority by

holding fast to God's covenant with Israel, and living a faithful lifestyle committed to justice, mercy, and humble fellowship with God. Through the atoning and propitiating sacrifice of Jesus on the cross, Satan's slanderous accusation was destroyed for all who are reconciled into fellowship with God through Messiah Jesus. To this day, Satan's authority still exists within the sons of disobedience, who have not yet been set free and born again through faith in Jesus Messiah in the grace supplied by the Holy Spirit. At the hearing, believing, and professing of the Gospel of Jesus Messiah, mankind is set free from Satan's dominion of darkness and is conveyed into the Kingdom of the Son of the Father's love. Shortly after Jesus' return, He will imprison Satan for 1,000 years. After his imprisonment, Satan will be set free for a short time. During Satan's final rebellion, he will be cast into the eternal fire prepared for him. (1 Chronicles 21:1; Isaiah 56:1-7; Micah 6:8; Romans 16:20; 2 Corinthians 11:14; Ephesians 2:1-10; Ephesians 6:10-20; Colossians 1:13-23; James 4:6-10; 1 Peter 5:8; 1 John 2:2; 1 John 3:4-10; 1 John 5:19; Revelation 2:13; Revelation 20:1-10)