



Doctrinal Statement

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Doctrine of the Bible - Bibliology

I believe that the Bible is the plenary and verbally inspired Word of God. I believe the Bible to be the inerrant and infallible Word of God as found within the sixty-six books from Genesis to Revelation. I believe that God not only inspired but that He has preserved His Words through the ages. I believe that the King James Version is the most accurate English translation from the original inspired languages. I believe the Bible to be our final authority for faith and practice. I believe that God used man to physically write down exactly what He intended for us to know; that the Holy Spirit moved in the human authors to write what God wanted them to write; that in the writing of the Bible God gave revelation, previously unknown truth and unknowable without God, so that we could know things that we would otherwise not know. I believe that there is only one interpretation of Scripture. I believe that man should study the Bible in a Historical, Grammatical, Theological and literal process, and by doing so all men will come up with the same interpretation. From this interpretation we can get many applications for our lives. Through the writing of the Bible God has revealed to man what was needed through a progressive revelation manner known as dispensations. I believe that with the conclusion of the book of the Revelation inspiration came to a close. (1 Corinthians 2:9-14; Ephesians 3:3-5; 2 Timothy 2:15, 3:15-17; 1 Peter 1:23-25; Revelation 22:18-19; Romans 3:1-4; Titus 1:2; Deuteronomy 32:4)

- **Inspiration** – I believe that the Holy Spirit guided the men to write exactly what God intended them to write; that this was limited until the completion of the book of the Revelation.
 - 2 Timothy 3:16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:
 - 2 Peter 1:20-21 Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. 21 For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.
- **Verbal and Plenary** – I believe that every word that was written was directed by the Holy Spirit. I believe that all Scripture is equally inspired.
 - 1 Corinthians 2:13 Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.
 - Proverbs 30:5 Every word of God is pure: he is a shield unto them that put their trust in him.
- **Preservation** – I believe that down through the ages God providentially preserved His Word.
 - Matthew 5:18 For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.
 - Psalm 12:6-7 The words of the Lord are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times. 7 Thou shalt keep them, O Lord, thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever.

- **Inerrant** – I believe that the Bible is incapable of being wrong.
 - Hebrews 6:18 That by two immutable things, in which it was impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us:
 - Psalm 33:4 For the word of the Lord is right; and all his works are done in truth.
- **Infallible** – I believe that the Bible cannot contain any mistakes.
 - Psalm 19:7 The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple.
 - Psalm 119:140 Thy word is very pure: therefore thy servant loveth it.
- **Completed** – I believe that the Canon of Scripture is closed due to the fact that the revelatory gifts have ceased.
 - 1 Corinthians 13:8-9 Charity never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away. 9 For we know in part, and we prophesy in part.
 - Revelation 22:18 For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book:
- **Dispensations** – A stewardship that God assigns to certain people or to mankind for a period of time. While a dispensation involves a period of time, the emphasis should be placed on the duties which it imposes on people.
 - Ephesians 1:10 That in the dispensation of the fulness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in him:
 - Luke 16:2-4 And he called him, and said unto him, How is it that I hear this of thee? give an account of thy stewardship; for thou mayest be no longer steward. 3 Then the steward said within himself, What shall I do? for my lord taketh away from me the stewardship: I cannot dig; to beg I am ashamed. 4 I am resolved what to do, that, when I am put out of the stewardship, they may receive me into their houses.
 - Steward is the same word as dispensation

Doctrine of God – Theology Proper

I believe in one God, that He is eternal, self-existent, infinite, and immutable. I believe He is one God But has three distinct persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. I believe that the Bible does not seek to prove the existence of God but that it declares that He exists. I believe that God has many attributes that only pertain to God as well as attributes that man has because we are created in His image. (Genesis 1:26; Isaiah 44:6-8; Matthew 28:19; John 1:18; 1Kings 8:27; Colossians 1:15 Psalm 147:4; Ezekiel 11:5; Matthew

10:29; Revelation 19:6; Jeremiah 32:17; Genesis 18:14; Acts 4:27-28; Romans 8:28; Titus 1:2; Hebrews 4:15; 1 Peter 1:16; Nehemiah 9:33; Romans 3:26; 2 Timothy 4:8; 2 Chronicles 15:3; Jeremiah 10:10; Titus 1:2; Genesis 19:16; Deuteronomy 4:31; Psalm 7:9; Jeremiah 31:3)

Non-Communicable

- **Trinity** – God is three distinct persons in one God.
 - Deuteronomy 6:4 Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is one Lord:
 - 2 Corinthians 13:14 The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. Amen.
 - Matthew 3:16-17 And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him: 17 And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.
 - 1 John 5:7 For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one.
- **Spirit** – God is Spirit so He is not bound by matter, time or space.
 - John 4:24 God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.
 - 1 Timothy 1:17 Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.
- **Eternal** – God has always existed and always will.
 - Revelation 1:8 I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.
 - Exodus 3:14 And God said unto Moses, I Am That I Am: and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I Am hath sent me unto you.
 - Psalm 90:2 Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God.
- **Immutability** – God cannot change.
 - Malachi 3:6 For I am the Lord, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed.
 - James 1:17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.
- **Omnipresence** – God is everywhere at all times.
 - Psalm 139:7-10 Whither shall I go from thy spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence? 8 If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there: if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou art there. 9 If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea; 10 Even there shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me.

- Jeremiah 23:23-24 Am I a God at hand, saith the Lord, and not a God afar off? 24 Can any hide himself in secret places that I shall not see him? saith the Lord. Do not I fill heaven and earth? saith the Lord.
- **Omniscience** – God knows everything. He knows everything that has happened and everything that will happen.
 - Psalm 139:2 Thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising, thou understandest my thought afar off.
 - Colossians 2:3 In whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.
 - 1 John 3:20 For if our heart condemn us, God is greater than our heart, and knoweth all things.
- **Omnipotence** – God has all power.
 - Matthew 19:26 But Jesus beheld them , and said unto them, With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible.
 - Luke 1:37 For with God nothing shall be impossible.
- **Sovereignty** – God knows the end from the beginning and He is able to work His plan in accordance with the free will of man.
 - Genesis 50:20 But as for you, ye thought evil against me; but God meant it unto good, to bring to pass, as it is this day, to save much people alive.
 - Isaiah 46:10 Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure
- **Holy** – God is morally perfect, without sin.
 - Isaiah 6:3 And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory.
 - 1 Peter 1:16 Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.

Communicable

- **Righteousness and Justice**– God always does right and He always deals fairly with His personal creatures.
 - Romans 3:26 To declare, I say , at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus.
 - Genesis 18:25 That be far from thee to do after this manner, to slay the righteous with the wicked: and that the righteous should be as the wicked, that be far from thee: Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?
 - Daniel 9:14 Therefore hath the Lord watched upon the evil, and brought it upon us: for the Lord our God is righteous in all his works which he doeth: for we obeyed not his voice.
- **Truth** –God is true in his nature and word.
 - 1 John 5:20 And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life.

- Numbers 23:19 God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it ? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?
- **Love** – God’s love is a rational love based upon deliberate choice.
 - John 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.
 - 1 John 3:16 Hereby perceive we the love of God , because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.
- **Mercy** – God is merciful to mankind even though we have sinned against Him. Instead of destroying mankind, He has given us a way to come to Him through His ultimate sacrifice.
 - Matthew 5:44-45 But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you; [45] That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust.
 - Psalm 103:8 The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy.
- **Grace** – God gives to people blessings they do not deserve.
 - 2 Chronicles 30:9 For if ye turn again unto the Lord , your brethren and your children shall find compassion before them that lead them captive, so that they shall come again into this land: for the Lord your God is gracious and merciful, and will not turn away his face from you, if ye return unto him.
 - Jonah 4:2 And he prayed unto the Lord , and said, I pray thee, O Lord , was not this my saying, when I was yet in my country? Therefore I fled before unto Tarshish: for I knew that thou art a gracious God, and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repentest thee of the evil.

Creation

I believe that the universe was created by God in six literal days. I do not hold to evolution, theistic evolution, or any theory that is inconsistent with Scripture. I believe that in these six literal twenty-four hour days he created everything needed that would then reproduce throughout the ages until today.

- Genesis 1:1 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.
- Exodus 20:11 For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is , and rested the seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.

Doctrine of Christ – Christology

I believe that Jesus is God and that He is the second person of the Trinity. I believe that it was Jesus (the Word) that created the world. I believe that the Lord Jesus Christ was born of a virgin, that He was God incarnate, and His purpose in coming to earth was to redeem man. I believe that He is co-equal with God the father. I believe that Jesus Christ is the savior of man. I believe Jesus Christ was God in the flesh and that while being 100% man He was also 100% God; that He did not lose any of those attributes as God but limited them while here on this earth. I believe that He was pre-existent to His earthly ministry. I believe that he lived a perfect, sinless life, and that He died on the cross as a voluntary substitution and satisfactory payment for our sins. I believe that after three days He was bodily resurrected. I believe He ascended into heaven after His resurrection and is now seated at the right hand of the Father. I believe that He is waiting for the time of receiving his church at the rapture. After this rapture there will be the tribulation period consisting of seven years and after this time period He will return to rule for 1000 years on the earth. (Isaiah 9:6; 43:11; Micah 5:2; Luke 1:26-35; John; 1:3, 14, 18, 29; Romans 3:19-25; Romans 5:6-15; 2 Corinthians 5:20-21; Galatians 4:4-5; Ephesians 1:7; Philippians 2:5-11; 1 Timothy 2:5; 1 Timothy 3:16; Titus 2:10-15; Hebrews 9:24-28; 1 John 1:3; Revelation 20:1-6)

- **Deity** – Jesus is God and possesses all of the Divine attributes.
 - John 10:30 I and my Father are one.
 - Hebrews 1:3 Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;
- **Pre-existent** – Jesus existed before He was born on this earth.
 - John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God
 - John 8:58 Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I am.
- **Virgin Born** - Jesus was supernaturally conceived by God.
 - Isaiah 7:14 Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.
 - Luke 1:27 To a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary.
- **Sinless life** – Though He was tempted He never sinned.
 - Hebrews 4:15 For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.
 - 1 Peter 2:22 Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth:
- **Sacrificial death** – He laid down His life as payment for our Sins.
 - Romans 5:6 For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly.

- 1 Corinthians 15:3 For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures;
- **Buried** - Jesus was dead in the grave for three days.
 - 1 Corinthians 15:4 And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:
 - Mark 15:46 And he bought fine linen, and took him down, and wrapped him in the linen, and laid him in a sepulchre which was hewn out of a rock, and rolled a stone unto the door of the sepulchre.
- **Rose Again** – Consisted of the reunion of the immaterial parts of his human nature and personhood with his dead body, it's being made alive, and His physically rising from the grave, never to die again.
 - 1 Corinthians 15:4 And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:
 - John 2:22 When therefore he was risen from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this unto them; and they believed the scripture, and the word which Jesus had said.
- **Ascended** - Forty days after his resurrection the Lord Jesus, as man, departed physically and visibly from the earth and was received into heaven.
 - Acts 1:9 And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight.
 - Mark 16:19 So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God.
- **Exalted** – as man the Lord Jesus was given the position of highest rank at the father's right hand, far above all created beings and things.
 - Hebrews 1:3 Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;
 - Philippians 2:9 Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name:
- **Rapture** – Christ will come back for believers both dead and alive, and will take His Church to be with him.
 - 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. [14] For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. [15] For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. [16] For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: [17] Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air:

and so shall we ever be with the Lord. [18] Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

Doctrine of the Holy Spirit: Pneumatology

I believe that the Holy Spirit is God, was active in creation, and is the third Person of the Trinity. As a Person, He can be grieved. The Holy Spirit was directly involved in the inspiration of the Scriptures and works in the ministry of illumination for the believer today. In the Old Testament, He came upon certain believers to empower them for a task. He is called the Comforter; He is the “seal” or “earnest” of salvation. His ministry also involves baptism, indwelling, witness, and the filling of the Spirit. Those filled with the Spirit will produce the fruit of the Spirit. The Holy Spirit is the bestower of the spiritual gifts, both temporal and permanent. (John 3:1-21; 16:8-11; Acts 1:5; Acts 5:1-5; Acts 11:1, 16:6-10; 1 Corinthians 3:16; 1 Corinthians 6:19-20; 1 Corinthians 12:13; Ephesians 1:13-14, 17-18)

- **God** – He is called God.
 - 1 Corinthians 6:19 What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?
 - Acts 5:1-4 But a certain man named Ananias, with Sapphira his wife, sold a possession, [2] And kept back part of the price, his wife also being privy to it, and brought a certain part, and laid it at the apostles' feet. [3] But Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost, and to keep back part of the price of the land? [4] Whiles it remained, was it not thine own? and after it was sold, was it not in thine own power? why hast thou conceived this thing in thine heart? thou hast not lied unto men, but unto God.
- **Attributes** – The Spirit has the attributes of God.
 - Luke 1:35 And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.
 - John 16:13 Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.
 - 1 Corinthians 2:10 But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.
 - Psalm 139:7 Whither shall I go from thy spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence?
 - Hebrews 9:14 How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

- **Works and Ministry**
 - **Convicts of sin**
 - John 16:8 And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:
 - **Resurrection**
 - Romans 8:11 But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.
 - **Indwells the believer**
 - Romans 8:11 But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.
 - 1 Corinthians 6:19 What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?
 - **Regenerates the believer**
 - Titus 3:5 Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;
 - **Baptizes the believer at salvation**
 - 1 Corinthians 12:13 For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.
 - **Seals the believer**
 - Ephesians 4:30 And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.
 - Ephesians 1:13-14 In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise, 14 Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.
 - **Fills the believer**
 - Ephesians 5:18 And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit;
 - **Guides the believer**
 - Romans 8:14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.
- **Personality**
 - **Speaks**
 - Acts 8:29 Then the Spirit said unto Philip, Go near, and join thyself to this chariot.
 - **Lied to**

- Acts 5:3 But Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost, and to keep back part of the price of the land?
- **Grieved**
 - Ephesians 4:30 And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.

Doctrine of Angels: Angelology

I believe that God created a countless number of spirit beings called angels. I believe that these angels are immortal and were created without sin. I believe the angels that did not rebel with Satan are used by God to glorify God, carry out God's will on earth, and wage war against evil forces in the spiritual realm. I believe that Satan is an angel that was created along with all other angels. He willfully acted in rebellion against God. He became the author of sin and the cause of the fall of man in the Garden of Eden. Today he is in the world and is still deceiving mankind in order to keep them from coming to Christ, and to keep Christians distracted from obeying God. I believe that he wants to keep as many people as he can from accepting Christ. I believe that He will be punished in the Lake of fire forever. (Job 38:5-7; Hebrews 1:14; Acts 5:19; 8:26; Isaiah 14:12-17; Matthew 4:2-11; 2 Peter 2:4; Jude 6; Revelation 20:10)

- **Good Angels**
 - **Created**
 - Colossians 1:16 For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:
 - Nehemiah 9:6 Thou, even thou, art Lord alone; thou hast made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host, the earth, and all things that are therein, the seas, and all that is therein, and thou preservest them all; and the host of heaven worshippeth thee.
 - **Immortal**
 - Luke 20:36 Neither can they die any more: for they are equal unto the angels; and are the children of God, being the children of the resurrection.
 - **Sinless**
 - Genesis 1:31 And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day.
 - **Purpose** – glorify God, minister, and wage war.
 - Revelation 5:11-12 And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne and the beasts and the elders: and

the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands; 12 Saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing.

- Daniel 9:20-23 And whiles I was speaking, and praying, and confessing my sin and the sin of my people Israel, and presenting my supplication before the Lord my God for the holy mountain of my God; 21 Yea, whiles I was speaking in prayer, even the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision at the beginning, being caused to fly swiftly, touched me about the time of the evening oblation. 22 And he informed me, and talked with me, and said, O Daniel, I am now come forth to give thee skill and understanding. 23 At the beginning of thy supplications the commandment came forth, and I am come to shew thee; for thou art greatly beloved: therefore understand the matter, and consider the vision.
- Revelation 12:7 And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels,

- **Evil Angels**

- **Satan, Devil**

- Job 1:6-7 Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan came also among them. 7 And the Lord said unto Satan, Whence comest thou? Then Satan answered the Lord, and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it.
 - Ezekiel 28:11-15 Moreover the word of the Lord came unto me, saying, 12 Son of man, take up a lamentation upon the king of Tyrus, and say unto him, Thus saith the Lord God; Thou sealest up the sum, full of wisdom, and perfect in beauty. 13 Thou hast been in Eden the garden of God; every precious stone was thy covering, the sardius, topaz, and the diamond, the beryl, the onyx, and the jasper, the sapphire, the emerald, and the carbuncle, and gold: the workmanship of thy tabrets and of thy pipes was prepared in thee in the day that thou wast created. 14 Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee so: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire. 15 Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee.

- **Demons**

- Revelation 12:4 And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth: and the dragon stood

before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born.

- Revelation 12:7-9 And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, 8 And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven. 9 And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

- **Purpose**

- 2 Corinthians 4:4 In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

Anthropology: Doctrine of Man

I believe that, on the sixth day of creation, Adam and Eve were supernaturally created in the image of God as the first humans. I believe that man was created for God's glory and pleasure. I believe that the purpose of man was to procreate, administer over creation, and reflect God's image. I believe in the sanctity of human life because we were made in the image of God. (Genesis 5:1-5)

- **Existence of Man**

- **Created on the sixth day**

- Genesis 1:26-27, 31 And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. 27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. 31 And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day.
- Genesis 2:7 And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.

- **Created in God's image**

- Genesis 1:26-27 And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. 27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

- **The purpose of man**

- **Procreate**
 - Genesis 1:28 And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.
- **Administer**
 - Genesis 1:28 And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.
- **Reflect God's image**
 - 1 Peter 1:15 But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation;
- **Sanctity of life**
 - Genesis 9:6 Whoso sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed: for in the image of God made he man.

Hamartiology: Doctrine of sin

I believe that man was created sinless but had a free will to choose between right and wrong. I believe that God placed him in the Garden of Eden to live and dress the Garden. I believe that Eve was made from Adam's rib. I believe they had a free will and chose to disobey God and eat of the tree that was forbidden. Because of this sin, the entire human race from Adam is born with a sin nature. As result of this sin, physical death as well as separation from God is passed to all mankind. I believe that because of this sin we have no hope of getting to God and will spend an eternity away from God in a lake of fire, except for salvation through the blood of Jesus Christ. (Deuteronomy 30:19; Joshua 24:15; 1 Samuel 8; Acts 7:51; Romans 5:12-14; James 1:13; 21:8)

- **Sin comes from Adam**
 - Romans 5:12 Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:
 - Genesis 3:6 And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.
- **Sin is inherited by all**
 - Romans 5:12 Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:
 - 1 Corinthians 15:22 For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.
- **Sin is missing the mark**

- Romans 3:23 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;
- Romans 3:10 As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one:
- **Sin is disobeying God's commands**
 - James 4:17 Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin.
 - 1 John 3:4 Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law.
- **The payment for sin is death**
 - Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.
 - Ezekiel 18:20 The soul that sinneth, it shall die. The son shall not bear the iniquity of the father, neither shall the father bear the iniquity of the son: the righteousness of the righteous shall be upon him, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon him.

Soteriology: Doctrine of salvation

I believe that man is a sinner and in need of a Savior. I believe that God has made a way of salvation and that this is available to all mankind. The believer is elect by God before the foundation of the world according to the foreknowledge of God. I believe that Jesus Christ came to earth and died on the cross so that man can be saved. I believe that because of what Christ did on the cross man can be reconciled to God. I believe that man cannot work his way to heaven and that it is only by God's grace and mercy that man can be saved. I believe that all those who do not accept Jesus Christ as their Savior are condemned to an eternity in the lake of fire, but those that accept Christ will live with God forever. I believe that when a person believes on Jesus Christ to be his Savior he becomes a new creature in Christ. I believe that at salvation the believer is now justified before God. I believe that at that moment he is eternally secure and cannot lose his salvation. I believe that at salvation the believer starts the daily sanctification process in which he starts to conform to the image of Jesus Christ, and that it is not completed until he stands before Jesus either at death or at the Rapture. (John 1:12; Acts 16:31; Romans 3:10-23; Romans 5:6-12; Romans 6:23; Romans 10:9-10; Ephesians 1:7; Revelation 20:11-14)

- **The Gospel** – The good news is the death, burial and resurrection of Christ.
 - 1 Corinthians 15:3-4 For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; 4 And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:
- **Christ Died for all**
 - Romans 5:6 For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly.

- 1 John 2:2 And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.
- **Invitation to all** – “Whosoever will may come,” All who put their faith in Christ will be saved from their sins and enjoy everlasting life.
 - John 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life
- **Election of some** – God chose some to be saved before the foundation of the world. How do we reckon between “whosoever will” and “chosen before the foundation of the world.” The answer is we cannot. God’s ways are not our ways (Is 55:8-9). God does not explain how these work together.
 - Ephesians 1:4 According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love:
- **Faith not works**
 - Ephesians 2:8-9 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: 9 Not of works, lest any man should boast
 - Titus 3:5 Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;
- **Mercy** – Not getting what we deserve
 - Hebrews 8:12 For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more.
- **Grace** – Receiving what we do not deserve
 - Romans 3:24 Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus:
- **Eternally Secure**
 - John 10:27-29 My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: 28 And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. 29 My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand.
 - Romans 8:38-39 For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, 39 Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord
- **New Creature**
 - 2 Corinthians 5:17 Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.
- **Justification** – Takes place at the moment of salvation and is complete.
 - Romans 5:1 Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:
 - 2 Corinthians 5:21 For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

- **Sanctification** – Starts at salvation and is a process throughout life.
 - Romans 8:29 For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.
 - 1 Thessalonians 4:3-4 For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication: 4 That every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honour;

Ecclesiology: The Doctrine of the Church

I believe that the church began on the day of Pentecost when the Holy Spirit filled the upper room. The Church began with the Jews and then spread to the Samaritans and then the Gentiles. I believe the church is not Israel but that they are two different entities that God used. I believe the local church is made of saved, baptized believers who have united together for the purposes of worship, fellowship, service, and observance of the ordinances of Baptism and the Lord's Table. I believe that the church is responsible for taking the gospel to the world. I believe that those saved will be raptured before the tribulation. (Acts 11:15; Acts 13:1-3; 20:28; 1 Corinthians 5:4-7; 12:12-14; 15:51-58; Ephesians 1:22-23; Ephesians 5:25-30; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; 1 Timothy 3:1-15; 1 Peter 5:1-4)

- **Membership** – The members of a local New Testament church need to be saved.
 - Acts 2:41 Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls.
 - Romans 1:7 To all that be in Rome, beloved of God, called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ.
- **Baptized** – Total immersion after salvation. It is a picture of what happens to a believer at salvation.
 - Acts 2:41 Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls.
 - Romans 6:3-5 Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? 4 Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. 5 For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection:
- **Worship** – Unite together for worship.
 - Acts 2:42 And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.
 - Hebrews 10:25 Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.
- **Authority** – Christ is the head of the church.

- Matthew 16:18 And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.
- 1 Timothy 3:15 But if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth.
- Colossians 1:18 And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence.

I believe that there are two offices divinely given for the New Testament church. The two offices are the pastor and the deacon. These two offices are given qualifications in God's Word to determine who can fill them. I believe the pastor is to lead the church, teach the members and preach God's word. I believe the deacon is to help the pastor in the ministry. (1 Timothy 3:1-13; Acts 6:1-6; Ephesians 4:11; 1 Peter 5:2, 4; 1 Timothy 2:7; 2 Timothy 1:11; 2 Peter 2 :5)

I believe that God has given the church the great commission to reach the world with the Gospel. I believe that every believer needs to try and reach his community for Jesus Christ. I believe that each local church is responsible for supporting missionaries so that the Gospel can reach others around the world. (Matthew 28:19-20; Mark 16:15; Luke 24:46-48; John 20:21; Acts 1:8)

I believe the Bible teaches that the church should be separated from apostasy. I believe that the church should separate from anyone that teaches anything contrary to the Bible. (2 Timothy 2:16-18; 1 John 2:22; 2 John 6-11)

I believe a true local New Testament Church should hold to the following characteristics:

- **Bible is the final authority of faith and practice**
 - 2 Timothy 3:15-16 And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. 16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:
- **Autonomy of the local church**
 - Acts 1:15-26
- **Priesthood of the believer**
 - 1 Timothy 2:5-8 For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; 6 Who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time. 7 Whereunto I am ordained a preacher, and an apostle, (I speak the truth in Christ, and lie not;) a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and verity. 8 I will therefore that men pray every where, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting.

- Hebrews 4:14-16 Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession. 15 For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. 16 Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.
- **Two offices of the church** – the pastor and the deacon.
 - 1 Timothy 3:1 This is a true saying, if a man desire the office of a bishop, he desireth a good work.
 - Acts 6:2-3 Then the twelve called the multitude of the disciples unto them, and said, It is not reason that we should leave the word of God, and serve tables. 3 Wherefore, brethren, look ye out among you seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business.
- **Individual soul liberty**
 - Romans 14:12 So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God.
 - 2 Corinthians 5:10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.
- **Saved church membership**
 - Ephesians 4:12 For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ
 - Acts 2:41 Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls.
- **Two ordinances** – Baptism and the Lord's Supper.
 - Romans 6:3-5 Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? 4 Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. 5 For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection:
 - 1 Corinthians 11:24-26 And when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me. 25 After the same manner also he took the cup, when he had supped, saying, this cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me. 26 For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come.
- **Separation of Church and State**
 - Ephesians 5:23, 30 For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body. 30 For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones.

Eschatology: Doctrine of End Times

I believe that the Rapture is the next event on God's time table. I believe Christ's Second Coming will happen before the tribulation and the millennium. I believe that those who are saved at that time will be taken up to be with Christ along with all those who have died in Christ. I believe those raptured will then stand before the judgement seat of Christ (Bema seat) to give an account for what they did on this earth. This is not to be judgement for their sin. I believe that after the rapture those left on earth will go through the tribulation, which is a literal seven year time period. The tribulation is when God will pour out His wrath on the earth. I believe that the Antichrist, also called the "beast," will reign during the Tribulation until the second coming of Christ. I believe in the pre-millennial return of Christ to the earth, and that He will rule for a thousand years. I believe that during this thousand years Satan will be bound. Following this thousand years Satan will be loosed for a short time, will gather the rebellious people from earth, and will fight against God one last time. He will be defeated and cast into the lake of fire. After Satan's defeat will be the Great White Throne judgement where all unbelievers will be judged and will be cast into the lake of fire with Satan. I believe that after all this happens God will create a new heaven and new earth. (Daniel 2:44; 2 Corinthians 5:10; 1 Thessalonians 1:10; Titus 2:13; Revelation 19:7-10; 1 Corinthians 15:51-58; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-9; Revelation 19-22)

- **Rapture of the Church**
 - 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: 17 Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.
- **Pre-tribulational** (4 reasons)
 1. The Church will be removed before the 70th week of Daniel.
 - Daniel 9:24 Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy."
 2. Church age believers will not experience the wrath of God.
 - Romans 5:9 Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him.
 - Revelation 3:10 Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth.
 3. The removal of the ministry of the Holy Spirit through the Church must occur before the Antichrist will appear.
 - 2 Thessalonians 2:7 For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way.

4. The word “church” is not mentioned in Revelation 4-20.
- **The Great Tribulation or the Time of Jacob’s Trouble**
 - Matthew 24:21 For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.
 - Jeremiah 30:7 Alas! for that day is great, so that none is like it: it is even the time of Jacob's trouble, but he shall be saved out of it.
 - **7 seals, trumpets, and vials**
 - Revelation 5:1 And I saw in the right hand of him that sat on the throne a book written within and on the backside, sealed with seven seals.
 - Revelation 8:6 And the seven angels which had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound.
 - Revelation 17:1 And there came one of the seven angels which had the seven vials, and talked with me, saying unto me, Come hither; I will shew unto thee the judgment of the great whore that sitteth upon many waters:
 - **AntiChrist**
 - 1 John 2:18 Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time.
 - **The Second Coming**
 - Acts 1:11 Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.
 - **Millennial Kingdom of Christ**
 - Revelation 20:4 And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.
 - Jeremiah 23:5 Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that I will raise unto David a righteous Branch, and a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth.
 - **The Great White Throne Judgement**
 - Revelation 20:11-15 And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. 12 And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. 13 And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. 14 And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.

15 And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.

- **The new heaven and the new earth**
 - Revelation 21:1 And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.

Civil Government

I believe that God ordained Civil Government. I believe that a saved believer should follow the laws that the government sets up except when they conflict with what God has said in Scripture. I believe that we as believers need to pray for our government officials. (Romans 13:1-7; Ephesians 5:22-24; Hebrews 13:17; 1 Peter 2:13-14)

Marriage and the Home

I believe that God created marriage to be between one man and one woman for a lifetime. I believe that any form of homosexuality, lesbianism, bisexuality, bestiality, incest, fornication, transgenderism, adultery, and pornography are sinful. (Genesis 2:24; 19:5, 13; Leviticus 18:1-30; Romans 1:26-29; 1 Corinthians 5:1; 6:9; 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8; Hebrews 13:4)

I believe that men and women are spiritually equal in position before God but have different roles in the marriage relationship. The Husband is to lead the home. The husband is to love his wife. (Galatians 3:28; Colossians 3:18-19; 1 Timothy 2:8-15; 3:4-5, 12)

I believe that God has ordained the family as the foundational institution of human society. The husband is to love his wife as Christ loves the church. The wife is to submit herself to the Scriptural leadership of her husband just as the church submits to Christ. Children are a heritage from the Lord. Parents have a responsibility to teach their children spiritual and moral values and to lead them through consistent lifestyle, example, and appropriate discipline, including Scriptural corporal correction. (Genesis 1:26-28; Exodus 20:12; Deuteronomy 6:3-9; Psalm 127:3-5; Proverbs 19:18; 22:15; 23:13-14; Mark 10:6-12; 1 Corinthians 7:1-16; Ephesians 5:21-33; 6:1-4; Colossians 3:18-21; Hebrews 13:4; 1 Peter 3:1-7)

I believe that there should be no intimate sexual activity outside of the bonds of marriage. The only legitimate marriage is the joining of one man and one woman. I believe that homosexuality, incest, fornication, adultery, rape and pornography are sinful perversions of God's gift of sex. (Genesis 2:24; Genesis 19:5; Leviticus 18:1-30; Romans 1:26-29; 1 Corinthians 5:1; 1 Corinthians 6:9; 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8; Hebrews 13:4; Romans 7:2; 1 Corinthians 7:2; Ephesians 5:22-23)

I believe that God forbids divorce and intends marriage to last until one of the spouses dies. I believe that divorced and remarried persons or divorced persons may still be greatly used of God in the church. I believe that they can hold certain positions to help the church but that they may not be considered for the offices of pastor or deacon, or those administrative positions within the church that would require pastoral qualifications. (Malachi 2:14-17; Matthew 19:3-12; Romans 7:1-3; 1 Timothy 3:2, 12; Titus 1:6)

Abortion

I believe that human life begins at conception. I believe that any unborn baby is a human. I believe that taking of that life through abortion is murder. I do not believe that abortions of pregnancies due to rape, incest, birth defects, gender selection, birth or population control, or the physical or mental well being of the mother are acceptable. (Psalm 139:14-16; Isaiah 44:24; 49:1, 5; Jeremiah 1:5; 20:15-18; Luke 1:44)