

## Statement of Theology (Goals & Guidelines part 1)

### I) DOCTRINE:

#### A) WE BELIEVE:

- 1) In a triune God-Father, Son & Holy Ghost.
  - (a) **Matthew 3:16-17 (NLT2)** <sup>16</sup> After his baptism, as Jesus came up out of the water, the heavens were opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and settling on him. <sup>17</sup> And a voice from heaven said, “This is my dearly loved Son, who brings me great joy.”
  - (b) **1 John 5:7 (NLT2)** <sup>7</sup> So we have these three witnesses—
- 2) That Jesus Christ is the Son of God, that He was conceived of the Holy Ghost and born of a virgin.
  - (a) **Luke 1:35 (NLT2)** <sup>35</sup> The angel replied, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the baby to be born will be holy, and he will be called the Son of God.
  - (b) **Matthew 1:1,20-25 (NLT2)** <sup>1</sup> This is a record of the ancestors of Jesus the Messiah, a descendant of David and of Abraham: <sup>20</sup> As he considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream. “Joseph, son of David,” the angel said, “do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife. For the child within her was conceived by the Holy Spirit. <sup>21</sup> And she will have a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” <sup>22</sup> All of this occurred to fulfill the Lord’s message through his prophet: <sup>23</sup> “Look! The virgin will conceive a child! She will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel, which means ‘God is with us.’” <sup>24</sup> When Joseph woke up, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded and took Mary as his wife. <sup>25</sup> But he did not have sexual relations with her until her son was born. And Joseph named him Jesus.
- 3) In the personality and deity of the Holy Spirit.
  - (a) **Acts 1:8 (NLT2)** <sup>8</sup> But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”
  - (b) **Acts 5:3-4 (NLT2)** <sup>3</sup> Then Peter said, “Ananias, why have you let Satan fill your heart? You lied to the Holy Spirit, and you kept some of the money for yourself.  
<sup>4</sup> The property was yours to sell or not sell, as you wished. And after selling it, the money was also yours to give away. How could you do a thing like this? You weren’t lying to us but to God!”

- 4) In the plenary and verbal inspiration of the Bible as the Word of God
  - (a) **2 Samuel 23:3 (NLT2)** <sup>3</sup> The God of Israel spoke. The Rock of Israel said to me: ‘The one who rules righteously, who rules in the fear of God,
  - (b) **Psalm 119:160 (NLT2)** <sup>160</sup> The very essence of your words is truth; all your just regulations will stand forever.
  - (c) **2 Timothy 3:16 (NLT2)** <sup>16</sup> All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right.
- 5) That God created all things.
  - (a) **Colossians 1:16 (NLT2)** <sup>16</sup> for through him God created everything in the heavenly realms and on earth. He made the things we can see and the things we can’t see— such as thrones, kingdoms, rulers, and authorities in the unseen world. Everything was created through him and for him.
- 6) That man was created pure.
  - (a) **Genesis 1:27 (NLT2)** <sup>27</sup> So God created human beings in his own image. In the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.
- 7) That man by transgression fell.
  - (a) **Genesis 2:17 (NLT2)** <sup>17</sup> except the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. If you eat its fruit, you are sure to die.”
  - (b) **Genesis 3:16 (NLT2)** <sup>16</sup> Then he said to the woman, “I will sharpen the pain of your pregnancy, and in pain you will give birth. And you will desire to control your husband, but he will rule over you.”
  - (c) **Genesis 3:23 (NLT2)** <sup>23</sup> So the LORD God banished them from the Garden of Eden, and he sent Adam out to cultivate the ground from which he had been made.
- 8) That sin, sorrow, and death (Natural and Spiritual) are the results of the fall.
  - (a) **Romans 5:12 (NLT2)** <sup>12</sup> When Adam sinned, sin entered the world. Adam’s sin brought death, so death spread to everyone, for everyone sinned.

- 9) The blood of Jesus Christ so atoned for all as to make our salvation possible.
- (a) **John 3:16 (NLT2)** <sup>16</sup> “For God loved the world so much that he gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.
  - (b) **Hebrews 9:14 (NLT2)** <sup>14</sup> Just think how much more the blood of Christ will purify our consciences from sinful deeds so that we can worship the living God. For by the power of the eternal Spirit, Christ offered himself to God as a perfect sacrifice for our sins.
- 10) That to be saved, all accountable persons must believe, repent, be born “again”, and walk in newness of life.
- (a) **John 3:3 (NLT2)** <sup>3</sup> Jesus replied, “I tell you the truth, unless you are born again, you cannot see the Kingdom of God.”
  - (b) **John 3:5 (NLT2)** <sup>5</sup> Jesus replied, “I assure you, no one can enter the Kingdom of God without being born of water and the Spirit.
  - (c) **Romans 6:1-7 (NLT2)** <sup>1</sup> Well then, should we keep on sinning so that God can show us more and more of his wonderful grace? <sup>2</sup> Of course not! Since we have died to sin, how can we continue to live in it? <sup>3</sup> Or have you forgotten that when we were joined with Christ Jesus in baptism, we joined him in his death? <sup>4</sup> For we died and were buried with Christ by baptism. And just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glorious power of the Father, now we also may live new lives. <sup>5</sup> Since we have been united with him in his death, we will also be raised to life as he was. <sup>6</sup> We know that our old sinful selves were crucified with Christ so that sin might lose its power in our lives. We are no longer slaves to sin. <sup>7</sup> For when we died with Christ we were set free from the power of sin.