



AGAPE CHRISTIAN MOVEMENT

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STATEMENT OF FAITH

• GOD

We believe in one living and true God, eternal with infinite power, wisdom goodness, and righteousness. He is a loving and faithful God, the Creator and preserver of all things. (Gen 1:1; Jer. 10:10; 1 Tim. 1:17; 6:15-16)

In the unity of the Godhead, the Holy Trinity there are three persons of the same substance with identical qualities and attributes: The Father (God), the Son (Jesus Christ), and the Holy Spirit (John 1:1-2; 4:24; 5:18; 10:30)

We believe in the Revelation of God

He revealed Himself to Abraham to reach mankind. (Gen. 12:1-3)

He revealed Himself to Moses (Exo. 3:14-16)

He revealed Himself to the Prophets (1 Pt. 1:10-12, 21)

He revealed Himself through His Son, Jesus. (Heb. 1:1-3)

• JESUS CHRIST

We believe in the divine nature of Jesus Christ, God's only Son who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. Christ is both full man and fully God.

He walked on earth, suffered at the hands of men, was crucified, died, and buried as a sacrifice for the sins of all man. The purpose was to restore our relationship to God with was broken by sin (disobedience)(Lk. 1:27,31-35; Jn 3:16; Rom. 5:10; Eph. 5:2)

Christ rose from the dead and ascended into heaven in full victory over Satan and sin. He now intercedes for the body of believers to God the Father.

(Matt. 28:5-9; Lk 24:4-7) Complementary Reading: John 1:1-18

• HOLY SPIRIT

We believe in the Holy Spirit as the Person of the Holy Trinity. We believe in His Deity of the same substance as God the Father and God the Son with all the attributes of the Godhead. We believe in His present ministry convicting the sinner to repentance by His indwelling in the believer in His power.

(Gen. 1:2; Isa. 40:13; Matt. 28:19; Jn. 14 & 16; 1 Cor. 2:11)

We believe in the baptism of the Holy Spirit an experience different than Salvation, this experience is for every believer and must be received by faith. We believe that the evidence of this experience is a life of holiness and Christian service. We believe that speaking in tongues is a gift imparted by the Holy Spirit, provided for all believers for intercession, edification, exaltation, and prophecy.

(Joel 2:23-32; Gal. 3:14; Acts 2:1-4; 5:32; 8:4-17; 10:44-47; 19:1-7; Rom. 8:26; Eph 5:18)
Complementary Reading: John 14:15-31; John 16:5-15

• **SALVATION**

We believe that Jesus Christ, the living Son of God, was given by God as a sacrifice for the sins of all men. Christ died on the cross to mend the broken relationship which was caused by men's sin of disobedience. This severed relationship between God and man may be restored into perfect harmony through belief in Jesus Christ by faith and not based on our works. (Eph. 2:8-9)

This belief and faith in Jesus Christ recognizing Him as Lord and Savior gives man the gift of salvation and eternal life. (Jn. 1:29; 3:16; 2 Cor. 5:17; Eph. 5:2; 1 Pt. 1:19)

After receiving salvation by faith in Jesus Christ, the "born again" believer (Jn. 3:3) may live free from the judgment of God by living a life according to the teaching of the scriptures and trusting the Holy Spirit for the power to live a holy life according to God's Word.

We believe that after the experience of regeneration it is possible to fall into sin, for in this life there is no such height or strength of holiness from which it is impossible to fall, sin separates men and women from God, if after being born again you commit sin you break your relationship with God and you lose your salvation, (Ezekiel 18:24-26) but by the grace of God on who has fallen into sin may, by confession and true repentance, find forgiveness and restored fellowship with God. (Matt. 18:21-22; 1 Jn. 1:9; 2:1; 2:24)

Complementary Reading: Acts 4:10-12; Rom. 1:16; 10:10)

• **AUTHORITY OF SCRIPTURE**

We believe that the sixty-six books of the Old and New Testament combined constitute the Holy Bible, written by men divinely inspired by God. This canon of scripture is the infallible guide of the church; no book may be added or deleted. (Rev. 22:18-19)

We believe that the Holy Bible is the Word of God and is inspired and inerrant. (That is, without error or failure of basic contents and meanings in the original manuscripts.) (2 Tim. 3:16)

The Holy Bible contains all the necessary truth to lead man into the knowledge of Christ and salvation.

(Ps. 19:7; Jn. 17:17; Rom. 15:4; 1 Thess. 2:13)

2 Tim 3:16-17 All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness,

Complementary Reading: Jn. 5:39; Acts 17:11; 18:28

- **MAN**

We believe that mankind was created by God in His image, (Gen 1:27) but because of Adam's sin (disobedience), man inherits a corrupt nature that inclines him to do wrong. (Genesis 3:6; 6:5; Romans 5:12)

Man is not capable of achieving a life without sin on his own. (Proverbs 20:9; Romans 3:20; Galatians 2:16) Because man is created in God's image we have a "Godlikeness" which includes knowledge between right and wrong.

We believe in man's free will, the ability given by God to choose and make decisions the consequences and responsibilities of decisions, that man can accept or reject God. (Joshua 24:15; 1 Kings 20:40)

- **THE SECOND COMING OF CHRIST**

We believe in the second coming of Christ, that He will descend from heaven and the believers that are asleep will be raised incorruptible, (1 Cor. 15:51-58) and the faithful believers that remain alive, at His appearance will be changed in a twinkling of an eye and together they will be with Christ in the clouds (1 Thess. 4:16-17) and they will be with Him forever.

1Thes 4:16-17

16 For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first.

17 Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus, we shall always be with the Lord.

- **THE LORDS SUPPER**

We believe that the Lords' supper is an ordinance of Jesus Christ and that believers should partake of this blessing. We believe that this ordinance

should be ministered by ordained ministers or authorized Christian servants, and it should be ministered to the body of believers at least once a month. The elements for the Lord's Supper are unleavened bread and grape juice. We believe that the bread and the fruit of the vine are symbols that represent the body and the blood of Jesus. (Matt. 26:26-29)

To partake of the Lords' supper, it is required for men and women to have accepted Jesus as their personal Savior and to live a life of devotion to Him. The ordinance of the Lords' Supper may be ministered to children twelve years and older with prior instruction of the significance of the Lords' Supper.

- **WATER BAPTISM**

We believe in water baptism as an ordinance of Jesus Christ and every believer should participate in this blessing. We believe that it should be ministered only after the person has received Jesus as his or her personal Savior and bears evidence of the new birth. We believe that proper instruction on the meaning and requirements should be imparted before partaking in this ordinance (Matt. 3:5-6)

We believe that water baptism should only ministered once in the life of the believer that it should be by immersion in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost (Matthew 28:19) In special situations like sickness, shut-ins, or other circumstances, water baptism may be ministered by aspersion.

- **LOCAL CHURCH**

We believe that the Lord has established the local church for the reading and studying of scripture, for the proclamation of the Gospel, and the edifying and equipping of the saints, for the work of the ministry. (Ephesians 4:11-12)

Holiness

We believe that after salvation the life of the believer should be a life totally consecrated to Him in purity, and holiness that is made possible by the power of the Holy Spirit. (Hebrews 12:14; 1 John 2:15-16; 1 Peter 1:16; 1 Cor 6:9-10)

Tithes and Offerings

We believe that the work and ministry of the church are maintained by the faithful contribution of Tithes and offerings, and all members of the church have the responsibility and privilege to give.

Christian education

We believe that the church is an institution that teaches the principles of God's Word to our children and all those that attend church. We are also an institution to equip and train believers to serve in the ministry. (2 Tim 2:15; Eph 4:10-16)

Evangelism

We believe that evangelism is an essential part of the local church; to follow the teachings of Jesus and go and preach the Gospel. (Acts 1:8)

World missions

We believe that the proclamation of the word of God is not confined only to the local church, but to follow the commandment of the Lord to go and preach the Gospel to all nations. (Matt 28:16-20) For this reason, we support world missions with our finances and labor.

• MORAL CONFESSION

We believe in the sanctity of life. At time of conception, a person is a human being created by God in His image, and the mother has no authority to terminate its existence. Although it is conceived by the woman it is indeed a different human being with all the qualities of a personality, we believe that abortion is a sin against God and human life. (Psalm 139:13-16)

We believe that homosexuality is contrary to the teachings of God's Word and an abomination against God and His laws. For this, we are against these practices. (Lev. 18:22)

We believe that the consumption of alcoholic beverages and non-prescribed drugs is a sin against God and the human body and that men and women of God should abstain from consumption, nor participate in the sale or distribution of these substances. (Eph. 5:18; Prov. 23:31-35)

We believe that gambling in any way or form is not consistent with the character of God and the teachings of scripture. We are against this practice in any way or form.

• MARRIAGE

We believe marriage is God's institution given to man and woman when they were innocent at the beginning of time.

God in His perfect order, establish this grace to be given to man and woman for companionship and happiness, Divine institution for the foundation of humanity, and the establishment of the home and social order. After God created man, He saw the necessity of a companion. (Gen 2:21-24)

We believe that marriage is only between a man and a woman. Minister's license and ordained by the Agape Christian Movement do not solemnize ceremonies between people of the same sex.

We believe that marriage is between a man and a woman and we are against polygamy, adultery, and fornication that husband and wife shall keep themselves for one another as commanded by scripture until death does part. (Prov. 18:22; Eph 5:25-33; Heb 13:4)

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