

FELLOWSHIP OF EVANGELISTS AND MINISTERS



Statement of Faith

The Fellowship of Evangelists and Ministers accepts the Holy Scriptures as the revealed Will of God and the all-sufficient rule of faith and practice, and it adopts the following Statement of Faith, to wit:

1. **The Scriptures Inspired.** The Scriptures, both the Old and New Testaments, are verbally inspired by God and are the Revelation of God to man; and they are the infallible, authoritative rule of faith and conduct (1 Thessalonians 2:13; 2 Timothy 3:15-17; 2 Peter 1:21).
2. **The One True God.** The One True God has revealed Himself as the eternally self-existent "I AM," the Creator of Heaven and Earth and the Redeemer of mankind. He has further revealed Himself as embodying the principles of relationship and association as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (Deuteronomy 6:4; Isaiah 43:10-11; Matthew 28:19; Luke 3:22).
3. **The Deity of the Lord Jesus Christ.** The Lord Jesus Christ is the Eternal Son of God. The Scriptures declare the following:
 - a) His virgin birth (Matthew 1:23; Luke 1:31,35).
 - b) His sinless Life (Hebrews 7:26; 1 Peter 2:22).
 - c) His Miracles (Acts 2:22; 10:38).
 - d) His substitutionary Work on the Cross (1 Corinthians 15:3; 2 Corinthians 5:21).
 - e) His bodily Resurrection from the dead (Matthew 28:6; Luke 24:39; 1 Corinthians 15:4).
 - f) His Exaltation to the Right Hand of God (Acts 1:9, 11; 2:33; Philippians 2:9-11; Hebrews 1:1-3).
4. **The Fall of Man.** Man was created good and upright, for God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness." However, man by voluntary transgression fell and, thereby, incurred not only physical death, but spiritual death, which is separation from God (Genesis 1:26-27; 2:17; 3:6; Romans 5:12-19).

5. The Salvation of Man. Man's only hope of redemption is through the shed Blood of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

- a) The conditions of salvation: Salvation is received through repentance toward God and faith toward the Lord Jesus Christ. By the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit, being justified by grace through faith, man becomes an heir of God according to the hope of eternal life (Luke 24:47; John 3:3; Romans 10:13-15; Ephesians 2:8; Titus 2:11; 3:5-7).
The evidences of salvation: The inward evidence of salvation is the direct witness of the Holy Spirit. The outward evidence to all men is a life of righteousness and true holiness (Romans 8:16; Ephesians 4:24; Titus 2:12).
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6. The Ordinances of the Church:

- a) Water Baptism: The ordinance of baptism by full immersion is commanded in Scripture. All who repent and believe in Christ as Lord and Saviour are to be baptised. Thus, they declare to the world that they have died with Christ and that they have also been raised with Him to walk in newness of life (Matthew 28:19; Mark 16:16; Acts 10:47-48; Romans 6:4).
- b) The Lord's Supper: Otherwise known as "communion", this ordinance consists of bread and wine (non-alcoholic or grape juice), is the symbol expressing the Divine nature of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is a memorial of His suffering and death and a prophecy of His second coming. It is to be observed by true believers (2 Peter 1:4; 1 Corinthians 11:26).

7. Sanctification. Sanctification is an act of separation from all that which is evil, and a dedication unto God. The Scriptures teach a life of holiness, without which no man can see the Lord. By the power of the Holy Spirit we are able to live a holy life. Sanctification is realised in the believer by recognising his or her identification with Christ in His death and resurrection, and by faith reckoning upon the fact of that union, and by offering every faculty continually to the dominion of the Holy Spirit (Romans 12:1-2; 1 Thessalonians 5:23; Hebrews 13:12, 12:14; 1 Peter 1:15-16; Romans 6:11, 13; 8:1-2, 13; Galatians 2:20; Philippians 2:12-13; 1 Peter 1:5).

8. The Church. The church is the Body of Christ, the habitation of God through the Spirit, with divine appointments for the fulfilment of the Great Commission. Each believer, born of the Spirit, is an integral part of the general assembly of the firstborn. We seek the unity of the Spirit with other Bible-based evangelical Christians, churches, and ministries even where we may not share non-essential (minor) doctrines. However we reject ecumenism or unity of any form with non-evangelical and unscriptural versions of Christianity, that is, those having a different doctrine of salvation, those having a basis of doctrinal authority other than the Bible, and those who place an undue emphasis upon any particular spiritual gift (Hebrews 12:23; Ephesians 1:22-23, 2:22).

9. **The Ministry.** A divinely called and scripturally called ordained ministry has been provided by the Lord for a twofold purpose: (1) The evangelisation of the world and, (2) the edifying of the church (Mark 16:15-20; Ephesians 4:11-13).
10. **The Blessed Hope.** The Second Coming of Christ includes the Rapture of the saints, which is our blessed hope, followed by the visible return of Christ with His saints to reign on Earth for one thousand years. This Millennial Reign will bring salvation to Israel and the establishment of worldwide peace (Zechariah 14:5; Matthew 24:27, 30; Revelation 1:7, 19:11-14; 20:1-6; Ezekiel 37:21-22; Zephaniah 3:19-20; Romans 11:26-27; Psalm 72:3-8; Isaiah 11:6-9; Micah 4:3-4).
11. **The Final Judgement.** There will be a final judgement in which the wicked dead will be raised and judged according to their works. Those whose names are not found written in the Book of Life, together with Satan and his angels, the Antichrist, and the False Prophet, will be consigned to everlasting punishment in the Lake of Fire (Revelation 21:8; Matthew 25:46; Mark 9:43-48; Revelation 19:20; 20:11-15).
12. **The New Heaven and New Earth.** Scripture teaches that after the Millennial Reign of Christ, and after the Final Judgement, the present Earth and Heaven (this Universe) will be destroyed by fire. Then God will create a Heaven and Earth free from sin and Satan, wherein dwells true righteousness (2 Peter 3:13; Revelation chapters 21-22).

