

STATEMENT OF FAITH

01

OF THE SCRIPTURES

WE BELIEVE THAT THE HOLY BIBLE WAS WRITTEN BY MEN SUPERNATURALLY INSPIRED; THAT IT HAS TRUTH WITHOUT ANY ADMIXTURE OF ERROR FOR ITS MATTER; AND THEREFORE IS, AND SHALL REMAIN TO THE END OF THE AGE, THE ONLY COMPLETE AND FINAL REVELATION OF THE WILL OF GOD TO MAN; THE TRUE CENTER OF CHRISTIAN UNION AND THE SUPREME STANDARD BY WHICH ALL HUMAN CONDUCT, CREEDS, AND OPINIONS SHOULD BE TRIED.

02

OF THE ONE LIVING GOD

WE BELIEVE THAT THERE IS ONE, AND ONLY ONE, LIVING AND TRUE GOD, AN INFINITE INTELLIGENT SPIRIT, THE MAKER AND SUPREME RULER OF HEAVEN AND EARTH; INEXPRESSIBLY GLORIOUS IN HOLINESS, AND WORTHY OF ALL POSSIBLE HONOR, CONFIDENCE AND LOVE; THAT IN THE UNITY OF THE GODHEAD THERE ARE THREE PERSONS, THE FATHER, THE SON, AND THE HOLY GHOST, EQUAL IN EVERY DIVINE PERFECTION, AND EXECUTING DISTINCT BUT HARMONIOUS OFFICES IN THE GREAT WORK OF REDEMPTION.

03

OF JESUS

THE LORD JESUS CHRIST IS THE ETERNAL SON OF GOD, EQUAL WITH GOD THE FATHER AND GOD THE SPIRIT AND OF THE SAME NATURE. IN HIS INCARNATION HE WAS CONCEIVED OF THE HOLY SPIRIT AND BORN OF THE VIRGIN MARY. JESUS PERFECTLY REVEALED AND DID THE WILL OF THE FATHER, TAKING UPON HIMSELF HUMAN NATURE WITH ITS DEMANDS AND NECESSITIES AND IDENTIFYING HIMSELF COMPLETELY WITH MANKIND YET WITHOUT SIN. HE HONORED THE DIVINE LAW BY HIS PERSONAL OBEDIENCE, AND IN HIS SUBSTITUTIONARY DEATH ON THE CROSS HE MADE PROVISION FOR THE REDEMPTION OF ALL MANKIND FROM SIN. HE WAS LITERALLY AND PHYSICALLY RAISED FROM THE DEAD WITH A GLORIFIED BODY AND APPEARED TO HIS DISCIPLES AS THE PERSON WHO WAS WITH THEM BEFORE HIS CRUCIFIXION. HE ASCENDED INTO HEAVEN AND IS EXALTED AT THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD THE FATHER WHERE HE IS OUR ADVOCATE AND HIGH PRIEST, THE ONE MEDIATOR, FULLY GOD, FULLY MAN, IN WHOSE PERSON IS EFFECTED THE RECONCILIATION BETWEEN GOD AND MAN. HE WILL RETURN IN POWER AND GLORY TO JUDGE THE WORLD WHICH HE CREATED, CONSUMMATE HIS MISSION, AND ASSUME HIS RIGHTFUL THRONE. HE NOW DWELLS IN ALL BELIEVERS AS THE LIVING AND EVER PRESENT LORD.

04

OF CREATION

WE BELIEVE IN THE GENESIS ACCOUNT OF CREATION; THAT IT IS TO BE ACCEPTED LITERALLY, AND NOT ALLEGORICALLY OR FIGURATIVELY; THAT MAN WAS CREATED DIRECTLY IN GOD'S OWN IMAGE AND AFTER HIS OWN LIKENESS; THAT MAN'S CREATION WAS NOT A MATTER OF EVOLUTION OR EVOLUTIONARY CHANGE OF SPECIES, OR DEVELOPMENTS THROUGH INTERMINABLE PERIODS OF TIME FROM LOWER TO HIGHER FORMS; THAT ALL ANIMALS AND VEGETABLE LIFE WERE MADE DIRECTLY; AND THAT GOD'S ESTABLISHED LAW WAS THAT THEY SHOULD BRING FORTH ONLY "AFTER THEIR KIND." WE BELIEVE GOD CREATED ONE MAN AND ONE WOMAN.

05

OF REPENTANCE + FAITH

WE BELIEVE THAT REPENTANCE AND FAITH ARE SOLEMN OBLIGATIONS, AND ALSO INSEPARABLE GRACES, WROUGHT IN OUR SOULS BY THE QUICKENING SPIRIT OF GOD. THEREBY, BEING DEEPLY CONVICTED OF OUR GUILT, DANGER, AND HELPLESSNESS, AND OF THE WAY OF SALVATION BY CHRIST, WE TURN TO GOD WITH UNFEIGNED CONTRITION, CONFESSION, AND SUPPLICATION FOR MERCY, AT THE SAME TIME HEARTILY RECEIVING THE LORD JESUS CHRIST AND OPENLY CONFESSING HIM AS OUR ONLY AND ALL-SUFFICIENT SAVIOR.