

# GRACE CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES

## **Statement of Faith**

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### **The Scriptures**

1. **WE BELIEVE....** that the Bible, composed of the 66 books of the Old and New Testaments, is inerrant and verbally inspired of God in all its parts, and is of supreme and final authority in faith and life. (Matt. 5:18; Luke 24:27, 44; John 5:39; 10:35; 12:48; 17:17; Rom. 15:4; 1 Cor. 2:13; 10:11; 2 Tim. 3:16; 2 Pet. 1:21)

### **The Trinity**

2. **WE BELIEVE....** in one Triune God, eternally existing in three Persons—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—co-eternal in being, co-identical in nature, co-equal in power and glory, and having the same attributes and perfections. (Matt. 28:18-19; Mark 12:29; Luke 3:22; John 1:14; Acts 5:3-6; 2 Cor. 13:14; Heb. 1:1-3)

### **Jesus Christ**

3. **WE BELIEVE....** that the Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, became Man, without ceasing to be God, having been conceived by the Holy Ghost and born of the Virgin Mary, in order that He might reveal God and redeem sinful men. (Matt. 1:18-23; Luke 1:30-35; 2:40; John 1:1-3, 14, 18; 3:16; Phil. 2:5-8; 1 Tim. 2:6; Titus 2:13; Heb. 4:15)
4. **WE BELIEVE....** that the Lord Jesus Christ accomplished our redemption through His death on the Cross as a vicarious, substitutionary sacrifice, and that our justification is made sure by His bodily resurrection from the dead. (Isa. 53:5-6; Matt. 20:28; Luke 24:36-43; John 1:29; 20:25-28; 2 Cor. 5:21; Gal. 3:13; Heb. 9:11-12; 10:12-14; 1 Pet. 3:18)
5. **WE BELIEVE....** that the Lord Jesus Christ ascended to heaven, and is now exalted at the right hand of God, where, as our High Priest and Representative, He fulfills the ministry of Intercessor and Advocate. (Eph. 1:22-23; Heb. 1:3; 4:14-16; 7:25; 9:24; 1 John 2:1)

### **The Holy Spirit**

6. **WE BELIEVE....** that the Holy Spirit is the Third Person of the Triune God and Who convicts the world of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment; and that He baptizes and indwells all believers, sealing them unto the day of redemption, at the moment of their regeneration. (Matt. 28:19; John 14:16-17; 16:7-15; Rom. 8:9; 1 Cor. 6:11; 12:13; Eph. 4:30; 5:18)
7. **WE BELIEVE....** that the Holy Spirit is the Divine Teacher Who fills and empowers all believers for Christian life and service, and Who guides believers into all truth; and, that it is the privilege and duty of all the saved to be filled with the Spirit. Some gifts of the Holy Spirit, such as the gift of speaking in tongues and the gift of healing, were temporary gifts, and never

the necessary signs of the filling of the Holy Spirit. (John 14:12-17, 26; Acts 4:8, 31; Rom. 8:23; 1 Cor. 13:8; Gal. 5:22; Eph. 3:16; 4:30; 5:18)

### **Origin and Fall of Man**

8. **WE BELIEVE....** that man was created in the image and likeness of God, but that in Adam's sin the human race fell, inherited a sinful nature, and became alienated from God; and, that unregenerate man is spiritually dead, and utterly unable of himself to remedy his lost condition. (Gen. 1:26-28; 3:1-14; Psalm 51:5; Jer. 17:9; Mark 7:21-23; John 3:3-6; 8:42-44; Rom. 3:23; 5:12; 7:18; 8:6-7; Eph. 2:1-3; 1 John 3:8)

### **Salvation Only Through Christ**

9. **WE BELIEVE....** that salvation is the gift of God brought to man wholly by grace alone and received by personal faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, whose precious blood was shed on Calvary for the forgiveness of sins, and that apart from Christ there is no possible salvation. (Isa. 64:6; John 3:16; 6:28-29; 14:6; Acts 4:12; 16:30-31; Rom. 3:24; 4:4-5; 5:6-9; 6:23; 2 Cor. 5:21; Gal. 3:13; 6:15; Eph. 1:7; 2:8-9; Titus 3:5; James 1:18; 1 Pet. 1:18-19, 23)

### **Eternal Security**

10. **WE BELIEVE....** that all the redeemed, once saved, are kept by God's power, secured in Christ forever, and guaranteed never to perish; and, that it is the privilege of believers to rejoice in the assurance of salvation through the testimony of God's Word, which, however, clearly forbids the use of Christian liberty as an occasion to the flesh. (John 5:24; 10:27-30; 17:11; Rom. 3:22; 6:14; 8:16, 29; Gal. 3:26; Eph. 1:3; 1 Thess. 5:23-24; 2 Tim. 1:12; Heb. 7:25; 1 John 2:1-2; 3:1-3; 5:10-13; Jude 24)

### **The Christian Walk**

11. **WE BELIEVE....** that every saved person possesses two natures—the old and the new nature; and, that although the old nature can never be eradicated in this life, provision has been made for victory of the new nature over the old nature through the power of the indwelling Holy Spirit. (Rom. 6:11-13; 7:15-25; 8:2, 4, 12-13; 13:14; Gal. 5:16-23; Eph. 4:22-24; Col. 2:1-10; Heb. 10:10, 14; 1 John 1:7-9; 3:5-9)
12. **WE BELIEVE....** that all believers should live in such a manner as to glorify their Saviour and Lord; and, that separation from all forms of religious apostasy and compromise, and all worldly and sinful practices, pleasures, and associations is commanded of God. (John 7:7; 15:19; Rom. 12:1-2; 2 Cor. 6:14-16; Eph. 4:24; 5:11, 25-27; 1 Thess. 5:23; 2 Tim. 1:13; 4:2-5; Heb. 10:10, 14; 12:10; 1 John 2:15-17; 3:1-3)

### **The Church**

13. **WE BELIEVE....** that a New Testament church is a local body of born-again believers associated together for worship, observance of the ordinances of the church, and the spread of

the Gospel to all the world. All true Christians are also members of the Universal Church which began at the Day of Pentecost. (Matt. 16:15-19; 28:19-20; Acts 1:8; 2:41-42, 47; Rom. 12:2; 1 Cor. 12:12-13; Eph. 1:22-23; 4:3-10; Col. 3:14-15; Heb. 10:25)

### **The Ordinances**

14. **WE BELIEVE....** that there are two ordinances which believers are to observe until He comes—Believer’s Baptism and the Lord’s Supper; and that the immersion of a believer in water baptism in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit sets forth the essential facts of redemption (the death and resurrection of Christ) and also the essential outlook of the believer (dead to sin and alive unto God). (Matt. 28:19; Luke 22:14-20; Acts 2:37-41; 8:36-39; 10:47-48; 16:32-33; 18:7-8; Rom. 6:3-10; 1 Cor. 11:23-26)

### **The Enemy**

15. **WE BELIEVE....** in the personal existence of Satan, the great adversary of God and His people, who is judged at the cross and whose final doom is certain; and, that Christians are able to resist and overcome Satan and his demons through the blood of the Lamb and the whole armor of God. (Isa. 14:13-14; Eze. 28:13-17; John 12:31-32; 16:11; Eph. 6:12-18; 1 Tim. 3:7; 2 Pet. 2:4; Jude 6; Rev. 20:10)

### **Last Things**

16. **WE BELIEVE....** in the imminent return of the Lord for His church before the Seven-year Tribulation Period, and in His subsequent glorious and visible return to the earth with His saints to establish His millennial kingdom. (Jer. 30:7; Dan. 9:27; Matt. 24:15–25:46; John 14:3; Acts 1:6-7; 15:16-17; Rom. 8–11; 13:11; 1 Cor. 15:51-58; 1 Thess. 4:13-17; 2 Thess. 2:1-8; 1 Tim. 4:1-3; 2 Tim. 3:1-5; Titus 2:13; Rev. 3:10; 19:11-16; 20:1-6)

### **The Eternal State**

17. **WE BELIEVE....** in the bodily resurrection of all men—the saved to eternal conscious bliss with the Lord, and the unsaved to everlasting, conscious punishing in the lake of fire. (Dan. 12:1-2; Matt. 25:41; Mark 9:44; John 5:25-29; 2 Thess. 1:7-9; Rev. 6:9-10; 20:10-15; 21:1-8)

(End of Statement)

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