

CLEVELAND HOUSE OF PRAYER

STATEMENT OF FAITH

WE BELIEVE that only the 66 books of the Bible are the inspired & therefore inerrant, Word of God. The Bible is the final authority for all we believe & how we are to live. [Matthew 5:18; John 10:35 and 17:17; 2 Timothy 3:16–17; 2 Peter 1:20–21]

WE BELIEVE that Jesus Christ is God incarnate, fully God & fully man, that He was conceived & born of a virgin, lived a sinless life, & offered Himself as a penal, substitutionary sacrifice for sinners. By His blood shed at the Cross, He obtained for us eternal redemption, the forgiveness of sins & life everlasting. He was raised bodily on the third day & ascended to the right hand of the Father, there to make intercession for the saints forever. [Matthew 1:18–25; John 1:1–18; Romans 8:34; 1 Corinthians 15:1–28; 2 Corinthians 5:21; Galatians 3:10–14; Ephesians 1:7; Philippians 2:6–11; Colossians 1:15–23; Hebrews 7:25, 9:13–15 and 10:19; 1 Peter 2:21–25; 1 John 2:1–2]

WE BELIEVE that salvation is by grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone. No ordinance, ritual, work or any other activity on the part of man is required or accepted in order to be saved. This saving grace of God, through the power of the Holy Spirit, also sanctifies us by enabling us to do what is pleasing in God's sight in order that we might be progressively conformed to the image of Christ. [John 1:12–13, 6:37–44 and 10:25–30; Acts 16:30–31; Romans 3–4 and 8:1–17, 31–39 and 10:8–10; Ephesians 2:8–10; Philippians 2:12–13; Titus 3:3–7; 1 John 1:7, 9]

WE BELIEVE that the Lord Jesus Christ baptizes believers in the Holy Spirit, in whom we are also sealed for the day of redemption. The Holy Spirit regenerates, forever indwells, & graciously equips the Christian for godly living & service. Subsequent to conversion, the Spirit desires to fill, empower & anoint believers for ministry & witness. We also believe that signs & wonders, as well as all the gifts of the Spirit described in the New Testament, are operative today & are designed to testify to the presence of the Kingdom & to empower & edify the Church to fulfill its calling & mission. [Matthew 3:11; John 1:12–13 and 3:1–15; Acts 4:29–30; Romans 8:9 and 12:3–8; 1 Corinthians 12:12–13; 2 Corinthians 1:21–22; Galatians 3:1–5; Ephesians 1:13–14 & 5:18]

WE BELIEVE that the one true God exists eternally in three persons—Father, Son and Holy Spirit—and that these, being one God, are equal in deity, power & glory. We believe that God not only created the world but also now upholds, sustains, governs & providentially directs all that exists & that He will bring all things to their proper consummation in Christ Jesus to the glory of His name. [Psalm 104 and 139; Matthew 10:29–31 and 28:19; Acts 17:24–28; 2 Corinthians 13:14; Ephesians 1:9–12 and 4:4–6; Colossians 1:16–17; Hebrews 1:1–3; Revelation 1:4–6]

WE BELIEVE that when the Christian dies they pass immediately into the blessed presence of Christ, there to enjoy conscious fellowship with the Savior until the day of the resurrection & the glorious transformation of their body. The saved will then forever dwell in blissful fellowship with their great triune God. We also believe that when the unbeliever dies they are consigned to Hell, there to await the Day of Judgment when they shall be punished with eternal, conscious & tormented separation from the presence of God in the lake of fire. [Matthew 25:46; Luke 16:19–31; John 5:25–29; 1 Corinthians 15:35–58; 2 Corinthians 5:1–10; Philippians 1:19–26 and 3:20–21; 2 Thessalonians 1:5–10; Revelation 20:11–15 and 21:1–22:15]

WE BELIEVE that water baptism & the Lord's Supper are the 2 ordinances of the Church to be observed until the time of Christ's return. They are not a means of salvation, but channels of God's

sanctifying grace & blessing to the faithful in Christ. [Matt 26:26–29 and 28:19; Romans 6:3–11; 1 Corinthians 11:23–34; 1 Peter 3:21]

WE BELIEVE in the literal Second Coming of Christ at the end of the age when He will return to Earth personally & visibly to consummate His Kingdom. We believe that the Church will go through the Great Tribulation in great power & victory. We believe the Church will be raptured at the end of the Great Tribulation. We also believe in & are praying for a great end-time harvest of souls & the emergence of a victorious Church that will experience an unprecedented unity, purity & power in the Holy Spirit. [Psalms 2:7–9 and 22:27–28; John 14:12 and 17:20–26; Romans 11:25–32; 1 Corinthians 15:20–28, 50–58; Ephesians 4:11–16; Philippians 3:20–21; 1 Thessalonians 4:13–5:11; 2 Thessalonians 1:3–12; Revelation 7:9–14]

WE BELIEVE that Adam was originally created in the image of God, righteous & without sin. In consequence of his disobedience, Adam's posterity are born subject to both imputed & inherent sin, and are therefore by nature and choice the children of wrath, justly condemned in the sight of God, wholly unable to save themselves or to contribute in any way to their acceptance with God. [Genesis 1–3; Psalm 51:5; Isaiah 53:5; Romans 3:9–18 and 5:12–21; Ephesians 2:1–3]

WE BELIEVE that the Church is God's primary instrument through which He is fulfilling His redemptive purposes in the earth. To equip the saints for the work of ministry, God has given the Church apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors & teachers. We also affirm the priesthood of all believers and the importance of every Christian being joined with and actively involved in a local community of the saints. We believe that women, no less than men, are called & gifted to proclaim the Gospel & do all the works of the Kingdom. [Matthew 16:17–19; Acts 2:17–18, 42; Ephesians 3:14–21 and 4:11–16; 1 Timothy 2:11–15; Hebrews 10:23–25; 1 Peter 2:4–5 and 9–10]

WE BELIEVE that God has called the Church to preach the Gospel to all nations, & especially to remember the poor and to minister to their needs through sacrificial giving and practical service. This ministry is an expression of the heart of the Lord Jesus Christ & is an essential part of the Kingdom of God. [Isaiah 58:6–12 and 61:1; Matthew 5–7, 28:18–20; Luke 4:18 and 21:1–4; Galatians 2:10; 1 Timothy 6:8]

WE BELIEVE that Satan, originally the great & good angel Lucifer, rebelled against God, taking a multitude of angels with him. He was cast out of God's presence & is at work with his demonic hosts to establish his counter-kingdom of darkness, evil & unrest on Earth. Satan was judged & defeated at the cross of Christ & will be cast forever into the lake of fire which has been prepared for him and his angels. [Isaiah 14:10–17; Ezekiel 28:11–19; Matthew 12:25–29 & 25:41; John 12:31 and 16:11; Ephesians 6:10–20; Colossians 2:15; 2 Peter 2:4; Jude 6; Revelation 12:7–9 & 20:10]