

**Recommended Statement of Faith to replace ULCS Statement
Adopted from the E-Free Church as of 8/10/07**

God

We believe in the one, holy, almighty God who eternally exists in three persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. He, as creator and sovereign ruler of the universe, is righteous in all His ways, and holy in all His works.

Jesus Christ

We believe that Jesus Christ, as the Scriptures affirm, is the pre-existent, eternal son of God and Son of man, conceived of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary and is Himself very God. He is one person having two distinct natures - fully God, and fully man. We believe that Jesus came into this world to redeem man from sin and Satan and that this redemption is sufficient for all mankind. We believe that Jesus accomplished this salvation through His substitutionary death on the cross. He was then buried, and on the third day was bodily raised from the dead, triumphing over sin, death, Satan and Hell. We believe that the resurrected Christ ascended into heaven where He is even now at the right hand of God The Father, making intercession for believers. We believe in the visible, premillennial, personal return of Jesus Christ in power and glory.

Also shall we ever be with the Lord. @ 1Thessalonians 4:17

Holy Spirit

We believe that the Holy Spirit, the third Person of the Trinity, is fully God. We believe the office and work of the Holy Spirit is to convict the world of sin, righteousness and judgment. He guides us into all truth, glorifies the Lord Jesus Christ, and is an ever-present comfort to the believer. We believe that at the time of conversion each true believer is baptized by the Holy Spirit, placing him in the body of Christ. The Holy Spirit seals the believer. We believe that the filling of the Holy Spirit is an ongoing work, dependent on the yielding of the believer to God. We believe all true believers receive gifts from God to aid, edify, and build the church. These gifts are administered by the Holy Spirit and are given according to the will of God and not the will of man. We believe that the fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22, 23) is the evidence of the Holy Spirit working in the life of the yielded believer, changing him into the image of Christ.

The Scripture

We believe that the Scriptures consisting of the Old and New Testaments in their entirety are verbally inspired of God. The Bible is the Word of God, and does not merely contain the Word of God. The Scriptures are inerrant in their original writings, and thus are the infallible, supreme, and final authority in faith and practice. We thus submit our Statement of Faith to the test of Scriptures.

Man

We believe God created man in His own image, that man sinned and thereby incurred not only physical death, but also spiritual death, which is separation from God. We believe that mankind is born with a sinful nature, is guilty and deserving of the wrath of God, and thereby is in need of salvation.

Salvation

We believe that Salvation was accomplished for all mankind by Christ on the Cross. However, though salvation is an accomplished fact, each person must personally receive salvation by placing his / her faith and trust in Christ, and by repenting of his / her sins. We believe that salvation is totally by the grace of God, completely apart from any merit or works of man.

Devil and Hell

We believe in the existence of a literal Devil, also called Satan and Lucifer in the Scriptures. We believe that Satan is a created being, a fallen angel, was cast out of heaven, was in the Garden of Eden to tempt man and woman to sin, and was cursed by God. He is therefore the enemy of God and man, and is to be resisted by believers. We believe in the existence of a literal place called Hell and the Lake of Fire, which is the eternal punishment of those who have rejected Christ, and the final end of Satan and sin.

The Church

We believe in the one true church, made up of all true believers, which is the Body of Christ, whose head is Jesus Christ Himself. We believe that while all true believers are members of the Body of Christ, they should seek to assemble and fellowship with a local body of believers, where God is worshiped in spirit and in truth, where His Word is honored, taught and obeyed, where Jesus Christ is lifted up as Savior of the world, and mutual edification is practiced. We believe the two ordinances of the church are the Communion Table or the Lord's Supper, and the Believer's Baptism by water. We believe that Christ's great commission to the Church is to go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.