

Doctrinal Statement of The Mission Church

1. GOD

We believe there is only one true God, Yahweh. Yahweh is the name of God in His fullness, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, used to distinguish which “God” is being referred to in this document. From this point forward, the term “God” or “Father” will be used. He is the creator of all things, infinitely perfect, all-knowing, all-loving and eternal. The Father, Son and Holy Spirit are equal, but hold distinct roles in the work of redemption. God created people to worship and glorify Himself. (Genesis 1:1; Exodus 3:14, 20:2-3; John 4:23-24; 1 Corinthians 8:6; 1 John 4:10; Revelation 4:11)

2. JESUS CHRIST AND THE ATONEMENT

We believe Jesus Christ is true God and true man. He fulfilled prophecy when He was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. Through His death on the cross and the shedding of His blood, He paid the price for our sins so that all who believe in Him will be born again of the Holy Spirit and become children of God. This provides for the opportunity to have a personal relationship with the Heavenly Father (Yahweh). He rose bodily from the dead, appeared to many, then ascended into heaven where He sits at the right hand of God as our High Priest and Advocate. (Isaiah 7:14, 53:4-7; Matthew 1:18-25; Luke 1:35; John 3:16, 10:30; Romans 3:24; 1 John 1:14, 5:13; Romans 3:24)

3. HOLY SPIRIT

We believe the ministry of the Holy Spirit is to glorify the Lord Jesus Christ, convict people of their sinfulness and draw them to Jesus. He secures to the Father eternally those who repent and believe in Jesus Christ. He also indwells, guides, instructs and empowers the believer daily for Godly living and service as modeled by Jesus. (John 1:13; John 3:3; John 10:27-30; John 14:16; Acts 1:8; Romans 8:35-39; Romans 15:16; Ephesians 2:8-9; 1 Corinthians 6:11, 12:7-11; 2 Corinthians 1:22; Ephesians 1:13; 1 Peter 1:2, 9; 1 John 4:13)

4. HOLY SCRIPTURES

We believe the original manuscripts of the Bible were inspired by God and are without error. The Bible reveals God’s will for people and establishes His standard by which all actions should be tested. (2 Timothy 3:16)

5. CREATION

We believe the Genesis account of creation. (Genesis 1:1-2:7)

6. FALL OF MAN

We believe man is spiritually dead — separated from God — by Adam’s original sin in the Garden of Eden. All people inherit Adam’s sin nature and thus commit their own individual sins against God. (Genesis 3:17-19; Romans 5:12)

7. SALVATION

We believe that people’s sins are forgiven and they are adopted into the family of God through faith alone in the Lord Jesus Christ. Salvation is through trusting faith, enabled by the Holy Spirit, and is

not earned from any efforts that people may put forth. (John 14:6; Acts 16:31; Romans 6:23; Galatians 3:11; Ephesians 2:8-9)

8. SATAN

We believe in the personality and reality of Satan and demons. Satan is the originator of sin and desires to interfere with God's plan of salvation to the elect. We believe he is counterfeiting the works of God by spreading false teachings that deny the deity of Christ, the work of the blood of Christ, and of salvation by grace alone. (Genesis 3:1-19; Matthew 13:38-39; Ephesians 6:12; 2 Timothy 2:26; I Peter 5:8; I John 3:8; Revelation 20:7-10)

9. BAPTISM AND LORD'S SUPPER

The Church holds that Christian baptism is the immersion of a believer in water as a symbol of our faith in the crucified, buried and risen Savior. We further believe physical baptism is an outward expression of our trust in Christ.

We believe that the Lord's Supper is the commemoration of His death until He comes, and should always be preceded by solemn self-examination.

These practices do not provide a means of salvation, but we strongly believe in the authority of the Word of God and that they be observed by every believer as acts of obedience and worship. (Matthew 28:19; Mark 1:9; Romans 6:3-5; 1 Corinthians 11:23-28; Colossians 2:12)

10. LAST DAYS

We believe in the second coming of Christ as He returns for His Church (Revelation 1:7; Luke 12:40; Matthew 26:24; Psalms 50:3). This includes the pre-millennial rapture of believers when Christ comes in the air (1 Thessalonians 4:16-17) and the bodily resurrection of the dead. The believer will go to eternal fellowship and joy with God in Heaven. After the 7-year earthly tribulation, Christ will return as Warrior and Conquerer to vanquish His enemies, including Satan and his followers and the earthly armies. Jesus will then establish His Kingdom on earth where He and the elect will rule for 1,000 years. After the 1,000 years, Christ will judge Satan and the dead, then Christ will make everything new and the new heaven and new earth will be established for eternity. (Luke 12:5; Matthew 13:50, 24:30-31; 1 Corinthians 15:51-52; Revelation 19:11-24; 20:6, 7-15; 21:1-5)

11. MARRIAGE AND SEXUALITY

We believe that the term "marriage" has only one meaning and that is marriage sanctioned by God which joins one man and one woman in a single, exclusive union, as delineated in Scripture. We believe that God intends sexual intimacy to only occur between a man and a woman who are married to each other. We believe that God has commanded that no intimate sexual activity be engaged in outside of marriage between a man and a woman. We believe that any form of sexual immorality, such as adultery, fornication, homosexuality, bisexual conduct, bestiality, incest, pornography or any attempt to change one's gender, or disagreement with one's biological gender, is sinful and offensive to God. (Genesis 2:24; Romans 7:2; 1 Corinthians 7:2-3, 10; Galatians 5:19; Ephesians 5:33; 1 Thessalonians 4:3-5; Hebrews 13:4)