

WORD OF GOD

Outreach & Teaching Center Church Brownsville, Incorporated

STATEMENT OF FAITH

- God is Creator and Ruler of the universe and everything in it. (Hebrew *Elohim*).
 - He has eternally existed in three persons:
 - The Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit.
 - (Genesis 1:26-27; Psalm 90:2; Matthew 28:29; 2 Corinthians 13:14)
- God the Father is the chief architect of the plan of the universe. He is:
 - the Father of Church
 - perfect
 - acquainted with our needs
 - giver of all good things
 - revealer of Heavenly things
 - the only One who knows the Day and Hour of the Last Days
 - the Owner of the Kingdom
 - the sender of Christ & the Holy Spirit
 - (John 5:30; Matthew 5:45; Matthew 5:48; James 1:17; Matthew 7:11 Matthew 11:25; Mark 13:32; Luke 11:2; John 17:25; John 14:26)
- God the Son, Jesus Christ.
 - Born of a virgin
 - Crucified for the sins of mankind
 - Ascended to Heaven and will return again for the Church
 - (Isaiah 7:14; Matthew 1:18-23; Matthew 27:33-35; Romans 5:1-11; Matthew 28:1-8; Acts 1:9-11; John 14:1-3; 1 Thessalonians 4:14-18)
- God the Holy Spirit.
 - Present in every Christian
 - Ministers comfort to the Christian
 - Empowers the Christian to minister the Gospel
 - (John 14:16-17; Acts 1:8; 1 Corinthians 3:16; I John 5:7)
- The Bible, God's Word to us.
 - Inspired of the Holy Spirit
 - Profitable for instruction, correction, doctrine
 - It is The Truth
 - It is eternal and unchanging
 - (2 Timothy 3:16; Proverbs 30:5; Hebrews 4:12; Matthew 24:35; John 17:17; 2 Peter 1:20-21)
- Creation and fall of mankind.
 - Created by God in the perfect image of God

- By the fall of Adam we willingly inherited Adam's rebellious nature, therefore separated from God
 - Because of our mortal condition we are helpless to reconcile ourselves to a completely holy, righteous, eternal God
 - (Genesis 1:26; Romans 5:12; Romans 5:6)
- The Salvation of mankind by grace through faith in Jesus Christ.
 - God's free gift to all who repent and believe in Jesus Christ as both our Lord and Savior
 - Jesus Christ is our propitiation for our sinfulness and His righteousness in the presence of God
 - The Holy Spirit through God's Word is able to purify us for God and prepare us for His glory
 - (Romans 5:18; Romans 3:25; 1 John 2:2; Revelation 5; John 14:26; Ephesians 5:25-27)
- Water baptism by immersion.
 - Subsequent to salvation
 - Not a means of salvation, but commanded in Scripture
 - Identifying with the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ
 - (Romans 6:3-4; 1 Peter 3:21-22; Acts 2:37-38; Matthew 28:19)
- The Baptism of the Holy Spirit.
 - Subsequent to salvation for all who will receive
 - Power to be a witness of the Gospel of Christ Jesus
 - The Lord is the One who baptizes
 - (Acts 1:8; Acts 2:38-29; Acts 8:14-17; Matthew 3:11)
- The Lord's Supper, commonly called Communion, for believers
 - (1 Corinthians 11:23-32)
- The second coming of Christ and the rapture of the Church
- (Luke 21:10-36; John 14:2-3; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Genesis 1-3; Romans 5:12-21)

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