

STATEMENT OF FAITH

The True God

There is one God, eternally existing in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (1 John 5:7).

God, the Father - God the Father is perfect in Holiness, boundless in love, infinite in justice, measureless in power, and matchless in wisdom. We believe that He concerns Himself mercifully with the affairs of men, that He hears and answers prayer, and that He saves from sin and death all who come to Him through Jesus Christ.

God, the Son - Jesus Christ is God the Son, pre-existent with the Father, begotten by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary, sinless in His nature and life, infallible in His teaching, making atonement for the sins of the world by His substitutionary death on the cross. We believe in His bodily resurrection, His ascension into Heaven, His perpetual intercession for His people, and His glorious Second Advent according to the promise. We believe that the promise of the second coming includes, first, the Blessed Hope of the Believer, namely the personal, pre-millennial, and pre-tribulational return of our Lord and Saviour to rapture His Church according to 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; secondly, His return with His saints to set-up His millennial reign on the earth.

God, the Holy Spirit - We oppose the Charismatic Movement but do believe in the deity and personality of the Holy Spirit. He was sent by God to convince and convict the world of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment. He also regenerates, sanctifies, and indwells all those who believe in Jesus Christ. Further, the Holy Spirit comforts, instructs, and empowers every saved person who seeks to glorify Christ and willingly yields to His control.

Scriptures

The Bible is the Word of God. It was written by men who were moved by the Holy Spirit, so that their writing was supernaturally and verbally inspired and free from error, as no other writings ever have been or ever will be (2 Peter 1:21; 2 Timothy 3:16-17). The Bible is the complete and final revelation of the will of God to man and so is the supreme authority in all matters of faith and conduct. Further, we believe God has preserved His Word for the English-speaking people through the King James Version (Psalm 119:89).

Man

Man was created on the sixth day of a literal twenty-four hour, six-day creation in the image of God. He sinned and thereby incurred not only the physical death, but also spiritual death, which is separation from God. All human beings are born with a sinful nature; and in the case of those who reach moral responsibility, become sinners in thought, in deed, and by choice (Romans 5:12; 3:23).

Salvation

The Lord Jesus Christ died for our sin according to the Scriptures as a representative and substitutionary sacrifice. All those who by faith receive Him as their Saviour, repenting of their sin, are justified by the fact of His blood that was shed for them on Calvary and given the gift of eternal life by His grace, not because of their works (Titus 3:5-6). We believe in the eternal security of every saved person (John 10:27-29; Ecclesiastes 3:14; Philippians 1:6).

Christian Living

Every saved person should manifest the Christian life and a consistent walk in the Holy Spirit, fully and constantly yielding his members to the indwelling Christ so that he may always be in life and word

showing forth the praises of Him who has called him out of darkness into His marvelous light (Romans 6; Ephesians 5:18). We believe in a separated life for all believers as set forth in 2 Corinthians 6:14-7:1.

The Local Church

The visible, local church is an assembly of born-again believers in Jesus Christ who have been baptized after a credible profession of faith. They are associated for worship, ministry, evangelism, fellowship, and discipleship. God committed to the local church two ordinances for perpetual observance: baptism of believers by immersion and the Lord's Supper. God has laid upon the local church the task of preaching the Gospel to every creature and edification of the individual members of the body of Christ (Matthew 22:36-40; 28:18-20). Further, we believe Satan is a real personality who opposes God's work and is the enemy of all who seek to please God (1 Peter 5:8).

Last Things

There will be a bodily resurrection of all the dead, the saved to eternal life and blessedness in Heaven and the unsaved to the eternal, conscious suffering and woe in Hell (John 5:29; 2 Thessalonians 1:8-9). Further, we hold to a pre-tribulation, pre-millennial view of the second coming of Christ for His Church.

Immorality

We oppose all forms of immorality the Bible condemns including but not limited to, homosexuality, lesbianism, bestiality, fornication (pre-marital sexual relationships), adultery (sexual relationships outside of the confines of marriage), pornography, incest, sex changes, unaccountable activity, and other such-like wicked behavior. Therefore, anyone participating in, promoting, or giving the appearance of such sinful lifestyle is considered unqualified for acceptance into this educational institution. Further, if a student of ECS becomes involved in such, the student will be dismissed.

Signature

I have read and agree to the above information: _____

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