

STATEMENT OF FAITH

The Doctrinal Statement of Faith is to be used as the official doctrinal position of Dynamic Church Planting International, and its contents are to be taught and agreed upon by all new staff as a prerequisite for staff membership.

The International Office will be responsible for seeing that every staff member continues to be in conformity to this Statement of Faith.

The sole basis of our beliefs is the Bible, God's infallible written Word, the sixty-six books of the Old and New Testaments.

We believe that it was uniquely, verbal plenary and fully inspired by the Holy Spirit, and that it was written without error in the original manuscripts. It is the inerrant, supreme and final authority in all matters on which it speaks.

We accept those large areas of doctrinal teaching on which, historically, there has been general agreement among all true Christians.

Because of the specialized calling of our ministry, we desire to allow for freedom of conviction on other doctrinal matters, provided that any interpretation is based upon the Bible alone, and that no such interpretation shall become an issue which hinders the ministry to which God has called us.

- **There is one true God, eternally existing in three persons** – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – each of whom equally shares all the attributes of deity and the characteristics of personality. Deuteronomy 6:4; Matthew 28:18; John 1:1-3,18; Acts 5:3,4
- **Jesus Christ is God**, the living Word, who became flesh through His miraculous conception by the Holy Spirit and His virgin birth. Hence, He is perfect deity and true humanity united in one person forever. John 1:1,14; Matthew 1:18-25; Luke 1:30-37; Colossians 2:9; Philippians 2:6-11
- **Christ lived a sinless life and voluntarily atoned for the sins of humanity by dying on the cross** as our substitute, thus satisfying divine justice and accomplishing salvation for all who trust in Him alone. 1 John 3:5; 1 Peter 3:18; John 10:17-18; 2 Corinthians 5:21; 1 John 4:10; Romans 3:24-26
- **He rose from the dead** in the same body, though glorified, in which He had lived and died. 1 Corinthians 15:4,14; Luke 24:36-43; John 20:24-29
- **He ascended bodily into heaven and sat down at the right hand of God the Father**, where He, the only mediator between God and humanity, continually makes intercession for His own. Acts 1:9-11; Ephesians 1:20; 1 Timothy 2:5; Hebrews 7:24,25; 1 John 2:1-2
- **Humanity was originally created in the image of God. People sinned by disobeying God**, thus alienating themselves from their Creator. That brought all humanity under divine condemnation. Genesis 1:26-27; 2:15-17; 3:1-24; Romans 5:12-21; 1 Corinthians 15:21-22
- **Human nature is corrupted, and people are totally unable to save themselves.** Every person is in need of regeneration and renewal by the Holy Spirit. Romans 3:9-20; Ephesians 2:1-7; Mark 7:20-23; John 3:1-21; Titus 3:5-7
- **The salvation of humanity is wholly a work of God's free grace** and is not the work of human goodness, or religious ceremony. God imputes His righteousness to those who put their faith in Christ alone for their salvation, and thereby justifies them in His sight. Ephesians 2:8-10; Romans 3:21-26; 9:30-33; Galatians 3:11-14,22-24
- **It is the privilege of all who are born again of the Spirit to be assured of their salvation** from the very moment in which they trust Christ as their Savior. This assurance is not based upon any kind of human merit but is produced by the witness of the Holy Spirit, who confirms in the believer the testimony of God in His written Word. 1 Thessalonians 1:5; John 1:12; 1 John 5:9-13; Romans 8:14-17
- **The Holy Spirit has come into the world to reveal and glorify Christ** and to apply the saving work of Christ to humanity. The Spirit convicts and draws sinners to Christ, imparts new life to them, continually indwells them from the moment of spiritual birth, and seals them until the day of redemption. The Spirit's fullness, power, control, and gifts are appropriated in the believer's life by faith. John 3:5-8; 16:7-15; Titus 3:5; Romans 8:2-4,9; Ephesians 1:13-14; 4:30; 1 Corinthians 6:19; Galatians 3:2-3
- **Every believer is called to live in the power of the indwelling Spirit** so that they will not fulfill the lust of the flesh but will bear fruit to the glory of God. Galatians 5:16-25; Ephesians 5:18
- **Jesus Christ is the Head of the Church**, His Body, which is composed of all living and dead who have been joined to Him through saving faith. Colossians 1:18; Ephesians 1:22-23; 5:23-32; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
- **God admonishes God's people to assemble together regularly for worship**, for participation in ordinances, for edification through the Scriptures, and for mutual encouragement. Hebrews 10:23-25; Acts 2:42; 20:7; 1 Corinthians 12:20-28; 16:1-2; Ephesians 4:11-16; 1 Timothy 4:13; 2 Timothy 3:16; 4:2
- **At physical death, the believer enters immediately into eternal, conscious fellowship with the Lord** and awaits the resurrection of their body to everlasting glory and blessing. 2 Corinthians 5:8; Philippians 1:23-24; Luke 23:39-43; 1 Corinthians 15:12-58; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; 1 John 3:2; Philippians 3:21
- **At physical death, the unbeliever enters immediately into eternal, conscious separation from the Lord** and awaits the resurrection of their body to everlasting judgment and condemnation. Luke 16:19-31; John 5:23-29; Revelation 20:10-15; Matthew 13:40-43
- **Jesus Christ will come again to the earth** – personally, visibly, and bodily – to consummate history and the eternal plan of God. Acts 1:9-11; 3:19-21; Revelation 19:1-22; 21
- **The Lord Jesus commanded all believers to proclaim the gospel** throughout the world and to disciple people of every nation. The fulfillment of the Great Commission requires that all worldly and personal ambitions be subordinated to a total commitment to "Him who loved us and gave Himself for us." Matthew 28:18-20; Mark 16:15-16; Luke 24:46-49; Acts 1:7-8; Romans 12:1-2; Galatians 2:19-20; Philippians 3:7-21