

SWORD OF THE SPIRIT ONLINE CHURCH STATEMENT OF FAITH

GOD

We believe in God, the Creator of all things. The God of the Christian Bible, is the one and only true God. We believe that he is Omnipotent (all powerful), Omnipresent (everywhere at all times) and Omniscient (all knowing). He is perfect, good and holy in every way. His judgments are righteous, faithful and true. He has existed from eternity and to eternity. He never changes. He exists in 3 divine and distinct persons (The Father, The Son (Jesus Christ) and The Holy Spirit) that are, at the same time, the same. This Trinity is not comprehensible in our current state. We believe God will spend eternity revealing Himself and His glory to us. (Matt 28:19, Gen 1, John 1, Isaiah 5)

JESUS CHRIST

We believe that Jesus Christ is fully man and fully God (Colossians 2:9). God promised man a Messiah to save him from hell, and provided one by becoming that Messiah. God came to earth in the form of man, born of woman (Mary), the man, Jesus Christ, and redeemed man from his sin and God's judgement. He died on the cross, rose and revived after 3 days in hell, paying for the sins and sin nature of all mankind. He is our High Priest sitting at the right hand of God the Father, where His shed blood is continually making intercession for us. There is salvation in no other name nor without complete reliance on His shed blood and sacrifice. (Mt, Mk, Lk, Jn)

THE HOLY SPIRIT

The Holy Spirit is the Comforter promised to believers by Jesus (John 14:26). He is the third part of the Trinity – fully God. He directs God's children in their everyday lives and convicts the world of sin and its need of a Savior.

THE BIBLE

We believe the Bible is the inspired, inerrant (without error in the original writings) Word of God (2 Timothy 3:16). It is the ultimate authority for life and conduct. All laws, statutes, policies, edicts, regulations and opinions are secondary and take a back seat to what God's Word says. If there is conflict between man's laws and God's laws, God's law should be followed.

MAN

We believe that man and woman were created in God's image (Genesis). Adam and Eve sinned and their spirits became sinful, requiring a Redeemer. Without total reliance on Jesus' sacrifice for sin, there can be no redemption.

THE CHURCH

The Christian Church is the body of believers that believe and know that without Jesus' sacrifice, they would end up in hell for all eternity. The Church stands in Jesus' place on earth and has been given the ministry of reconciliation to tell the world that God is no longer holding man's sin against him and that His love and grace has been shed abroad for all who will accept it and take it for their own. We are saved individually and collectively, working together as one body with many parts. (2 Corinthians 5:19)

CHRIST'S RETURN

We believe that Jesus Christ will return to the earth and separate His children from Satan's children and bring them to heaven for all eternity. (Matthew 16:27)

HELL

We believe that hell is eternal and will be the place of eternal damnation, fire, judgement and torment for those who reject Jesus' work of salvation. (Mark 9)

Sword of the Spirit Online Church – Addendum for COVID-19 Vaccination

We believe that each believer should be free to determine whether or not they should take the COVID-19 vaccine (*Galatians 5: 1 It was for freedom that Christ set us free; therefore keep standing firm and do not be subject again to a yoke of slavery* (NASB)). We believe that forced vaccination is a form of slavery and reject any government's attempt to force it, or any other vaccine upon any individual.

We also believe that life starts at, and even before conception. *Jerimiah 1:5 "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations."* (NIV). This verse shows God has known us from eternity. He considered us people long before we were born. When Elizabeth greeted Mary, in Luke 1:39-45, she said the babe leapt for joy in her womb. We believe that people, not tissue, can leap for joy and therefore, John the Baptist, was already a person in Elizabeth's womb. As such, our stance as a Church, is to completely and utterly reject anything that has to do with abortion, which we believe is murder. We believe that abortion is a modern-day holocaust and that those who support it, are in jeopardy of hell fire. According to the Liberty Counsel, it is well documented that "All three of the currently available COVID injections are produced by, derived from, manufactured with, tested on, developed with, or otherwise connected to or associated with aborted fetal cell lines". As such, our stance on COVID-19 vaccines, and any vaccine that is derived or has any connection to aborted fetus cell lines, as a Church, is to avoid them with complete prejudice.

Supporting verses:

Exodus 20:13 You shall not murder.

Psalm 139:13 For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. 14 I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. 15 My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place, when I was woven together in the depths of the earth. 16 Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.

Proverbs 6:16 There are six things the LORD hates, seven that are detestable to him: 17 haughty eyes, a lying tongue, hands that shed innocent blood"

Job 31:15 Did not he who made me in the womb make them? Did not the same one form us both within our mothers?"

1 Corinthians 6:19 Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own?