

STATEMENT OF FAITH OF THE I.C.E.A.

1. The Oneness of the Triune God. One God in three persons.

1 John 5:7 "For there are three that bear witness in heaven: the Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit; and these three are one."

John 14:9 "Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; so how can you say, 'Show us the Father'?"

John 12:45 "And he who sees Me sees Him who sent Me."

1 Corinthians 8:6 "yet for us there is one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we for Him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, through whom are all things, and through whom we live."

John 5:18 "Therefore the Jews sought all the more to kill Him, because He not only broke the Sabbath, but also said that God was His Father, making Himself equal with God."

2. Jesus Christ, God made flesh, born of the Virgin Mary conceived of the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 1:18 "Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: After His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Spirit."

The Messiah. The Saviour of the World. The only begotten Son of God

John 3:16 "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."

The Word made flesh.

John 1:1 "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God."

The manifestation of the invisible God. The creator of all things, visible and invisible.

Colossians 1:15 "He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation."

The King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

Revelation 19:16 "And He has on His robe and on His thigh a name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS."

3. His sinless life.

Hebrews 4:15 "For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin."

His expiatory death.

Romans 3:25 "whom God set forth as a propitiation by His blood, through faith, to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His forbearance God had passed over the sins that were previously committed,"

1 John 4:10 "In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins."

His resurrection on the third day.

Acts 2:32 "This Jesus God has raised up, of which we are all witnesses."

His ascension to heaven.

Luke 24:51 "Now it came to pass, while He blessed them, that He was parted from them and carried up into heaven."

His mediation as unique mediator between God and men.

1 Timothy 2:5 "For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus,"

His intercession at the right hand of The Father as High Priest.

Hebrews 4:14 "Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession."

Romans 8:34 "Who is he who condemns? It is Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us."

4. His second coming to take His church, His Bride.

1 Thessalonians 5:23 "Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ."

James 5:7 "Therefore be patient, brethren, until the coming of the Lord..."

destroying Satan and establishing his triumphal kingdom on the Earth for 1000 year.

Revelation 20:6 "Blessed and holy is he who has part in the first resurrection. Over such the second death has no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years."

5. The New Earth and new Heaven where righteousness reigns.

Revelation 21:1 "Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea."

6. Salvation is only by Grace through Faith in Jesus Christ.

Ephesians 2:8 "For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God,"

7. Eternal Judgment for those who maintain their rebellion against God and do not repent.

Luke 13:3 "I tell you, no; but unless you repent you will all likewise perish."

Hebrews 6:2 "...of the doctrine of baptisms, of laying on of hands, of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment."

Matthew 25:46 "And these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

8. The necessity of the New Birth to be able to see the Kingdom of God.

John 3:7 "Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.'"

9. Justification by Faith and sanctification of the believers by the Word made effective by the Holy Spirit.

Romans 5:1 "Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,"

10. Baptism in water by immersion after conversion as a public confession of his faith and covenant with God.

Acts 2:38 "Then Peter said to them, 'Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.'"

11. **Baptism of the Holy Spirit, as a privilege for all believers, following conversion, a work of Grace, besides the new birth, with the initial evidence of speaking in other tongues as the Holy Spirit gives utterance.**

Acts 2:4 "And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance."

Acts 2:6 "And when this sound occurred, the multitude came together, and were confused, because everyone heard them speak in his own language."

Acts 10:44-46 "While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit fell upon all those who heard the word. 45 And those of the circumcision who believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out on the Gentiles also. 46 For they heard them speak with tongues and magnify God."
12. **The church government, Christ being the Head of His Church, working through apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, teachers, elders, deacons, deaconesses and helps.**

Ephesians 4:11-12 "And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, 12 for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, "

1 Timothy 5:17 "Let the elders who rule well be counted worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in the word and doctrine."
13. **The exercise of the nine gifts or charismas of the Holy Spirit, according to the will of God.**

1 Corinthians 12: 4-11 – Read the passage.
14. **The anointing of oil and the prayer of faith to heal the sick.**

James 5: 14-15 "Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. 15 And the prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven."
15. **The possibility to fall from the Grace of God, becoming an apostate and loosing our souls. The free will of each person who has use of reason.**

Galatians 5:4 "You have become estranged from Christ, you who attempt to be justified by law; you have fallen from grace."

1 Timothy 4:1 "Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons,"
16. **The responsibility of the church to help the less fortunate, the orphans, the widows, the prisoners, the slaves and the helpless.**

Matthew 25:31-46 – Read the passage.

James 1:27 "Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their trouble, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world."
17. **The obedience to the Great Commission to evangelize the world, by doing the works of Christ, and making disciples, teaching them to observe all things, whatsoever the Lord has commanded us.**

Matthew 28:19-20 ""Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 "teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen."

18. The need to seek and keep the unity of the Holy Spirit in the bond of Peace loving one another as Christ loved us.

Ephesians 4:3-4 “endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. 4 ... just as you were called in one hope of your calling;”

Ephesians 5:2 “And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma.”

19. The vital need to walk in Holiness, free from all worldly contamination, because without holiness no man shall see the Lord.

Hebrews 12:14 “Pursue peace with all people, and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord:”

20. The sacraments of Water Baptism, the Lord’s Supper and of Marriage.

Acts 2:38 “Then Peter said to them, “Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.”

Luke 22: 19 “And He took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, “This is My body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of Me.”

1 Corinthians 7:10 “Now to the married I command, yet not I but the Lord: A wife is not to depart from her husband.”

21. The verbal inspiration of the Scriptures as Base of our Faith and Practice.

2 Timothy 3:16 “All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness,”

James 1:22 “But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.”

22. The self supporting of the Church by the free will offerings of its members giving tithes and offerings from the fruit of their labor.

2 Corinthians 8:1-7 “Moreover, brethren, we make known to you the grace of God bestowed on the churches of Macedonia: 2 that in a great trial of affliction the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded in the riches of their liberality. 3 For I bear witness that according to their ability, yes, and beyond their ability, they were freely willing, 4 imploring us with much urgency that we would receive the gift and the fellowship of the ministering to the saints. 5 And not only as we had hoped, but they first gave themselves to the Lord, and then to us by the will of God. 6 So we urged Titus, that as he had begun, so he would also complete this grace in you as well. 7 But as you abound in everything; in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all diligence, and in your love for us; see that you abound in this grace also.”

Malachi 3:8-10 “Will a man rob God? Yet you have robbed Me! But you say, ‘In what way have we robbed You?’ In tithes and offerings. 9 You are cursed with a curse, For you have robbed Me, Even this whole nation. 10 Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, That there may be food in My house, And try Me now in this,” Says the LORD of hosts, “If I will not open for you the windows of heaven And pour out for you such blessing That there will not be room enough to receive it.”

2 Corinthians 9:7 “So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver.”

1 Corinthians 16:2 “On the first day of the week let each one of you lay something aside, storing up as he may prosper, ... “