



STATEMENTS OF BELIEF

Evangelistic Fellowship Church of the Apostolic Faith

THE BIBLE

The Bible is the infallible, plenary and inspired Word of God (II Timothy 3:16) and there is no salvation outside of that which is contained within its pages. It is our Creed, Rule of Order, Foundation for Truth, Discipline and Doctrine as taught and revealed by the Holy Spirit (John 14:26, I Corinthians 2:9-13). We further state that since it is our Doctrine, we reject heresy, fanaticism and all hypocrisy lest there be a shipwreck (I Timothy 1:19). God's Word must be rightly divided and correctly used (II Timothy 2:15, II Peter 1:20). We ascribe to the King James Version of the Bible.

GOD

There is only one God (Isaiah 43:10). He is the creator of the heavens, Earth and all mankind (Genesis 1st Chapter, John 1:1-3). God is a spirit (John 3:24). He is omnipresent, omniscient and omnipotent. He has been called by many names, but is now called by the name that is above every name. That name is Jesus the Christ (Philippians 2:9-11, Acts 9:5, Deut. 4:35). He is manifested to mankind as Father (in creation, "Creator"), Son (in redemption, "Savior") and Holy Ghost (in the Church today, "Indwelling Spirit"), so there are not three Gods, but three manifestations of the one God found in the Godhead (I John 5:7).

Godhead: The Godhead is the very nature and all the fullness of God as revealed in His three titles or manifestations, Father, Son and Holy Ghost. All of this is in Jesus Christ (Colossians 2:8,9, Isaiah 9:6).

Father: As creator of all things God is "Father of Creation." He is the father of Adam (Luke 3:38), as well as "Heavenly Father" of all believers (John 1:12). In the case of the believers, being born again (born of God), just like Christ we are begotten sons of God according to the Spirit, making Jesus our elder brother, savior and God (Romans 8:29). We believe that Jesus is the Father (John 14:8,9) apart from whom there is no God. We further believe that at the consummation of all things, the one visible God will be our Lord Jesus Christ.



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Son: Jesus Christ is the only begotten Son of God according to the flesh (John 3:16, Romans 1:3,4, Matthew 16:16, 17). He is the Holy Spirit (John 14:17) and the Everlasting Father (Isaiah 9:6). We believe that He was Mary's son as well as Mary's God, creature and Creator, God manifest in the flesh; that His flesh was just like ours except without sin. We further state that Christ died for our sins and arose on the third day.

Holy Ghost: The Holy Ghost is not the third person of the Trinity, but God and the resurrected Christ himself coming to dwell in the hearts of men, who will be obedient to the Gospel, as their Sustainer, Comforter and Keeper (John 14:16-26, Romans 8:11).

SIN

Sin is the transgression of the Law of God (I John 3:4), the guilt of which has fallen upon all men because of the sin of Adam (Romans 5:12). It's wages and results culminate in eternal death (Romans 6:23, Revelation 20:14) to everyone who refuse to receive salvation as set forth in the Bible.

SALVATION

The word means deliverance. It consists of deliverance from all unrighteousness and sin through the blood of Jesus. It is received by repentance of sins, water baptism in the name Lord Jesus Christ for the remission of sins and through receiving the baptism of the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking in tongues as the Spirit of God gives utterance. after this it is complemented by the living of a godly life thereafter (Acts 2:38-41, John 3:5).

Repentance: Repentance is not only feeling sorrow for the sins you've committed, but it is the turning away from sin and the dedication of yourself to the changing for the better by surrendering your will to God. By doing this you are taking God's yoke upon yourself and taking the time to learn of Him. The best example of someone repenting is David as seen in Psalms 51.



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Water Baptism: Water Baptism is an essential part of New Testament Salvation and not, as some teach, an outward sign of an inward work. According to Jesus, without proper baptism we cannot enter into the Kingdom of God (John 3:5).

Manner and Formula of Water Baptism: The Word of God does not substantiate sprinkling, pouring or infant baptisms. Baptism must be done by immersion only. The very word itself means to submerge or dip. It is a burial and in every case where someone was baptized they went down into the water and came up out of the water (Colossians 2:12, Mark 1:10, Acts 8:38-39). The name used in the administration of baptism is just as important as being immersed. The name that is to be used is Lord Jesus Christ. The Apostles understood the name, not names, in Matthew 28:19 to me Jesus (Acts 2:38-41). Without using this name water baptism becomes null and void (Acts 4:12, 19:1-6).

Holy Ghost Baptism: This is known as being born of the Spirit and is absolutely necessary for entering the Kingdom of God (John 3:5). Its initial evidence is speaking in other tongues as the Spirit of God gives utterance (Acts 2:4, 10:45-46).

SPEAKING IN TONGUES

There are three areas where God uses speaking in other tongues:

- Initial evidence of receiving the Holy Ghost (Acts 2:4, 10:45-46)
- Praying in Tongues where the Spirit makes intercession for us (Romans 8:28, I Corinthians 14:13-15)
- The Gift of Tongues for prophesy and edification (I Corinthians 12:10, 14:1-40)

HOLINESS

We believe that Holiness is God's standard of living for all of His people (Leviticus 19:2, Ephesians 1:4, I Peter 1:15-16). We believe that the only true standard for living is a holy and sanctified life (Hebrews 12:14).



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DIVINE HEALING

Divine healing is a privilege that was purchased for us by the stripes suffered by our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and as such is to be freely used by those that will come to Him believing and obedient (Isaiah 53:5, I Peter 2:4). Just as Jesus healed the sick, He also commanded His disciples to do the same and said that they that believed the gospel would heal the sick (Matthew 4:23-24, 10:8, Mark 16:18). Is there any sick among you? Let him call for the elders of the church (James 4:14-16.... and receive healing.

SECOND COMING OF CHRIST

The Second Advent: This is when Christ actually comes to take vengeance upon those who have brought harm to His people and to establish His Kingdom (Joel 3:1-18, Revelation Revelation 20:11-21).

RESURRECTION

There will be a resurrection of all the dead, however there are two phases of the resurrection:

The Resurrection of the just unto eternal life which is also known as "The Rapture": This is when Christ comes for His people (I Thessalonians 4:16, 17, Matthew 24:29-31, Revelation 20:4-6) at which point He would not actually land on the planet, but we instead will meet Him in the mid-air.

The Resurrection of the unjust unto damnation (John 5:28-29, Revelation 20:12-15).

JUDGEMENT

It is appointed unto all of us to die and after this we must face judgment before God (Hebrews 9:27). For this reason there must be a resurrection. Unbelievers will have to stand before God, a righteous judge, and give an account of themselves (Revelation 20:11-15). God will judge our eternal souls, for how we lived our lives in accordance to His Law (the Word of God). With this reality in mind we must ask ourselves "HOW SHALL WE ESCAPE, IF WE NEGLECT SO GREAT A SALVATION?" (Hebrews 2:3).