

Final Proposed Statement of Faith

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<p>Final PREAMBLE</p> <p>We are grateful to God for revealing Himself to us through the Scriptures and trust Him to continually show us His will through His Word. Under the headship of Jesus Christ, the Board of Elders is responsible to guard, guide, and govern His church. Therefore, the Board is the church’s authority regarding the religious beliefs and practices in the EFCC Constitution, including the Statement of Faith. This Statement of Faith defines the biblically-based, core beliefs of our church family. (Acts 20:28; Ephesians 5:23; 1 Timothy 3:3-5; Titus 1:9; 1 Peter 5:1-4)</p>	<p>Proposed PREAMBLE</p> <p>We are grateful to God for revealing Himself to us through the Scriptures and trust Him to continually show us His will through His Word. Since Under the headship of Jesus Christ, the Board of Elders it is the responsible responsibility of the Board of Elders to guard, guide, and govern the His church. Therefore, the Board is the church’s authority regarding the religious beliefs and practices in the EFCC Constitution, including the Statement of Faith. when it comes to explaining and practicing all that is written in the EFCC Statement of Faith. This Statement of Faith defines the biblically-based, core beliefs of our church family. (Acts 20:28; Ephesians 5:23; 1 Timothy 3:3-5; Titus 1:9; 1 Peter 5:1-4)</p>	<p>Current No PREAMBLE</p>

<p>Final SECTION 1: The Bible</p> <p>We believe the Scripture, both the Old and New Testaments, to be God’s written word. The Bible’s human authors, with their distinct personalities and styles, were inspired by God and carried along by the Holy Spirit to choose the exact words God intended to communicate to humankind. Scripture was without error in the original writings and is completely truthful in all that it addresses; therefore, it is to be believed as God’s instruction in all that it affirms. It is to be obeyed as God’s command in all that it requires and embraced in all that it promises. The Bible is the only rule for faith and practice. We affirm that the person and work of Jesus Christ is the central focus of the entire Bible. (Numbers 23:19; Joshua 1:8-9; 23:14; Psalm 19:7-9, 119:42; Proverbs 30:5-6; Matthew 5:17-18; Luke 24:27; John 5:39-40; 2 Timothy 3:16-17; 2 Peter 1:20-21)</p>	<p>Proposed SECTION 1: The Bible</p> <p>We believe the Scripture, both the Old and New Testaments, to be God’s written word. The Bible’s human authors, with their distinct personalities and styles, were inspired by God and carried along by the Holy Spirit to choose the exact words God intended to communicate to humankind. Scripture was without error in the original writings and is completely truthful in all that it addresses; therefore, it is to be believed as God’s instruction in all that it affirms. It is to be obeyed as God’s command in all that it requires and embraced in all that it promises. The Bible is the only rule for faith and practice. We affirm that the person and work of Jesus Christ is the central focus of the entire Bible. (<u>Psalm 19:7-9; 119:42; 2 Peter 1:20-21; 2 Timothy 3:16-17; Joshua 1:8-9; 23:14; Numbers 23:19; Matthew 5:17-18; Proverbs 30:5-6; Luke 24:27; John 5:39-40</u>)</p>	<p>Current SECTION 1: The Bible</p> <p>We believe the Scriptures, both Old and New Testaments, to be the inspired Word of God. God so superintended the human authors that while retaining their own individual personalities and writing styles they chose the very words that God intended. Their original writings were free from error. The Bible is the believer’s only infallible rule for faith and practice (Psalms 19:7-9; 1 Corinthians 2:13; 2 Timothy 3:15-17; 2 Peter 1:20, 21).</p>
<p>Final SECTION 2: The Trinity</p> <p>We believe there is only one God, Creator of all things, eternally existing in three equal but separate persons, revealed to us in the Bible as God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. Each one possesses the same divine nature and attributes, and is worthy of worship, confidence, and obedience. The triune God is glorious, infinite and personal, perfect in holiness, wisdom, unity, foreknowledge, power, and love. (Deuteronomy 6:4; Psalm 90:2, 139:1-18; Isaiah 6:3; 66:1-2; Daniel 4:35; Matthew 3:16-17; 28:19-20; John 1:1-4, 4:24; Acts 5:3-4; Romans 11:33-36; Ephesians 4:3-6; 2 Corinthians 13:14; 1 John 4:16)</p>	<p>Proposed SECTION 2: The Trinity</p> <p>We believe there is only one God, Creator of all things, eternally existing in three equal but separate persons, revealed to us in the Bible as God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. Each one possesses the same divine nature, and attributes and is worthy of worship, confidence, and obedience. The triune God is glorious, infinite and personal, perfect in holiness, wisdom, unity, foreknowledge, power, and love. (<u>Deuteronomy 6:4; Matthew 3:16-17; 28:19-20; 2 Corinthians 13:14; John 1:1-4; 4:24; Acts 5:3-4; Psalm 90:2; 139:1-18; Romans 11:33-36; Ephesians 4:3-6; Daniel 4:35; 1 John 4:16; Isaiah 6:3; 66:1-2</u>)</p>	<p>Current SECTION 2: The Godhead</p> <p>We believe in one God, eternally existing in three persons Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. These three are identical in essence and equal in power and glory; they possess the same nature, attributes, and perfections, and are worthy of the same worship, confidence, and obedience (Matthew 28:19, 20; Mark 12:29; John 1:1-4; Acts 5:3, 4; 2 Corinthians 13:14).</p>

<p>Final SECTION 3: The Person and Work of God the Father</p> <p>We believe that God the Father is Lord of heaven and earth and is working all things according to His sovereign will and purpose. He hears and answers prayer while graciously providing for all His creation and blessing those who follow His plan. Because of His great love, He sent Jesus to die for the forgiveness of sin and then raised Him from the dead. He sends the Holy Spirit to all those whom He adopts into His family. He reigns supreme from heaven. (Matthew 23:9; Luke 10:21-22; John 3:16, 6:27, 16:23; Acts 13:29-30; Romans 1:7, 6:4; Galatians 1:1; Ephesians 1:3-12, 4:6; 1 Corinthians 15:24-28; 1 Timothy 1:1-2, 2:5-6; James 1:17-18; 1 Peter 1:3; Revelation 1:6)</p>	<p>Proposed SECTION 3: The Person and Work of God the Father</p> <p>We believe that God the Father is Lord of heaven and earth and is working all things according to His sovereign will and purpose. He graciously provides for all His creation and blesses <u>hears and answers prayer</u> while <u>graciously providing</u> for all His creation and <u>blessing</u> those who follow His plan. Because of His great love, He sent Jesus to die for the forgiveness of sin and then raised Him from the dead. He sends the Holy Spirit to all those whom He adopts into His family and is the One who both <u>hears and answers prayer</u>. He reigns <u>supreme from heaven as the supreme authority and judge</u>. (Luke 10:21-22; Ephesians 1:38-12; 4:6; <u>Matthew 23:9; John 3:16, 6:27, 16:23</u>; <u>Romans 1:7; 6:4</u>; <u>1 Timothy 1:1-2, 2:5-6; 1 Peter 1:3; Galatians 1:1</u>; <u>Acts 13:29-30; Revelation 1:6; James 1:17-18; 1 Corinthians 15:24-28</u>)</p>	<p>Current <i>The proposed new section for “The Person and Work of God the Father” is not in the current Statement of Faith.</i></p>
<p>Final SECTION 4: The Person and Work of Jesus</p> <p>We believe that God the Son, without ceasing to be God, became fully man as Jesus Christ after being miraculously conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He lived a sinless life, and through His death on the cross, paid our penalty for sin which is death. Thus, He satisfied God’s righteous judgment and revealed His merciful love by offering Himself as an atoning sacrifice providing forgiveness to all who trust Him. He defeated the powers of evil, was raised bodily from the dead, and ascended to the Father’s right hand where He reigns as Lord and intercedes on the believer’s behalf. (Leviticus 16:5-10; Luke 1:34-35; John</p>	<p>Proposed SECTION 4: The Person and Work of Jesus</p> <p>We believe that God the Son, without ceasing to be God, became fully man as Jesus Christ after being miraculously conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He lived a sinless life, and through His death on the cross, paid our penalty for sin which is death. Thus, He satisfied God’s righteous judgment and revealed His merciful love by offering Himself as an atoning sacrifice providing forgiveness to all who trust Him. He defeated the powers of evil, was raised bodily from the dead, and ascended to the Father’s right hand where He reigns as Lord and intercedes on the believer’s behalf. (<u>John 1:1-2, 14, 18; Luke 1:34-35; 2</u></p>	<p>Current SECTION 3: The Person and Work of Christ</p> <p>We believe that Jesus Christ, the eternal Son of God, became man without ceasing to be God, being conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He came to reveal God to mankind and to redeem our sinful race by giving Himself as a sinless substitutionary sacrifice on the cross of Calvary, satisfying God’s righteous judgments against sin. He then arose bodily from the dead and ascended to the Father’s right hand where He intercedes on the believer’s behalf. All the Scriptures, from first to last, testify of Him (Luke 1:34-35; 24:27; John 1:1, 2, 14, 18; Romans 3:24-26; 8:34).</p>

<p>1:1-2, 14, 18; Romans 3:23-26, 5:8, 6:23, 8:34; 2 Corinthians 5:21; Galatians 3:10-13; Colossians 2:13-15; 1 Timothy 2:5-6; Hebrews 2:14-15; 1 John 2:2)</p>	<p><u>Corinthians 5:21; Leviticus 16:5-10; Romans 3:23-26; 5:8; 6:23; 8:34; Colossians 2:13-15; Hebrews 2:14-15; 1 Timothy 2:5-6; 1 John 2:2; Galatians 3:10-13;)</u></p>	
<p>Final SECTION 5: The Person and Work of the Holy Spirit</p> <p>We believe that God the Holy Spirit is a person, possessing all the divine attributes. The Holy Spirit convicts the world concerning sin, righteousness, and judgment, and gives new spiritual life to those who trust in Jesus Christ. As the Helper, He indwells believers permanently at the moment of salvation, guides them in the truth, empowers them to bear fruit, and enables them to walk in holiness. The Holy Spirit gives spiritual gifts to every believer according to His divine will and plan. These gifts are to be biblically exercised for the glory of Jesus Christ and the building up of His church. (John 3:5-8, 16:7-14; Acts 1:8, 5:3-4; 1 Corinthians 12:7, 14:12; Galatians 5:22-23; Ephesians 1:13-14; 2 Timothy 1:6; 1 Peter 4:10-11)</p>	<p>Proposed SECTION 5: The Person and Work of the Holy Spirit</p> <p>We believe that God the Holy Spirit is a person, possessing all the divine attributes. The Holy Spirit convicts the world concerning sin, righteousness, and judgment, and He gives new spiritual life to those who trust in Jesus Christ. As the Helper, He indwells believers permanently at the moment of salvation, guides them in the truth, empowers them to bear fruit, and enables them to walk in holiness. The Holy Spirit gives spiritual gifts to every believer according to His divine will and plan. These gifts are to be biblically exercised for the glory of Jesus Christ and the building up of His church. (<u>Acts 5:3-4; John 3:5-8; 16:7-14; Ephesians 1:13-14; Acts 1:8; Galatians 5:22-23; 1 Corinthians 12:7; 14:12; 2 Timothy 1:6; 1 Peter 4:10-11)</u>)</p>	<p>Current SECTION 4: The Person and Work of the Holy Spirit</p> <p>We believe that the Holy Spirit is the Divine Person who convicts the world of sin, gives eternal life to those who place their trust in Christ, unites all believers to Christ in one body by His baptizing ministry, indwells them permanently, seals them unto the day of redemption, fills (controls) those who are yielding to Him, and empowers them for service. He seeks to direct their attention not to themselves nor to their experience, but to Christ (John 3:5-8; 14:16-17; 16:7-11; 16:13-14; Acts 1:8; 1 Corinthians 12:13; Ephesians 4:30; 5:18).</p> <p>SECTION 9: The Gifts of the Spirit</p> <p>We believe that enabling gifts for service are bestowed according to God’s own will upon all believers by the Spirit of God to be exercised for the edification of the Church and for the glory of the Lord. These gifts are sovereignly bestowed by God in order to fulfill specific purposes in His program. We believe that, as a sign to unbelievers, the Biblical gift of speaking in tongues was speaking in existing languages which the speaker had never learned and that it was never the common or necessary sign of the baptism or filling of the Spirit. We further believe that while God may choose to heal supernaturally, the healing of the temporal</p>

		<p>body is not assured by Christ's atoning work on the cross; the complete deliverance of the body from sickness awaits the consummation of our salvation in the resurrection (Romans 8:23; 1 Corinthians 12:4-11; 27-31; 13:8-10; 14:21,22; 2 Corinthians 12:7-9; Ephesians 4:7-13; Hebrews 2:3-4; 1 Peter 4:10,11; 2 Timothy 4:20).</p>
<p>Final SECTION 6: The Human Condition</p> <p>We believe that Adam and Eve were originally created in the image and likeness of God, free from sin. They sinned by a voluntary act of personal disobedience to the revealed will of God and were thereby subject to spiritual, physical, and eternal death which is separation from God. While every human being is made in the image of God, the consequences of sin have affected every aspect of human nature. All people, except Jesus, are born with a sinful nature and are sinners by choice; therefore, they are under condemnation and are incapable of reconciling with God apart from divine grace. (Genesis 1:26, 3:1-24, 6:5; Psalm 51:5; Jeremiah 17:9; Romans 3:10-23, 5:12, 8:7-8; Ephesians 2:1-3, 4:17-18; James 1:13-15, 3:9)</p>	<p>Proposed SECTION 6: The Human Condition</p> <p>We believe that Adam and Eve were originally created in the image and likeness of God, free from sin. They sinned by a voluntary act of personal disobedience to the revealed will of God and were thereby subject to spiritual, physical, and eternal death which is separation from God. While every human being is made in the image of God, the consequences of sin have affected every aspect of human nature. All people, except Jesus, are born with a sinful nature and are sinners by choice; therefore, they are under condemnation and are incapable of reconciling with God apart from divine grace. (<u>Genesis 1:26; 3:1-24; 6:5; 9:6; James 1:13-15, 3:9; Psalm 51:5; Jeremiah 17:9; Romans 3:10-18</u>23; 5:12; 8:7-8; Ephesians 2:1-3; 4:17-18)</p>	<p>Current SECTION 5: The Condition of Man</p> <p>We believe that man was originally created in the image and after the likeness of God, free from sin. He subsequently fell into sin by a voluntary act of personal disobedience to the revealed will of God, lost his spiritual life, and became dead in sins and corrupt in nature. These effects of sin have been transmitted to the entire human race, Jesus Christ excepted, and thus every person born into the world is alienated from the life of God and incapable of remedying his lost and depraved condition apart from divine grace (Genesis 1:26; 3:1-24; 6:5; Psalms 51:5; Jeremiah 17:9; Romans 3:10-18; 5:12; Ephesians 2:1-3).</p>
<p>Final SECTION 7: The Gift of Salvation</p> <p>We believe that God, because of His great love, offers salvation as a free gift to be received by faith alone in Jesus Christ. This gift was purchased through Jesus' life, death, burial, and resurrection. By faith, we are justified before God apart from any human merit or work and are reconciled to Him by His saving</p>	<p>Proposed SECTION 7: The Gift of Salvation</p> <p>We believe that God, because of His great love, offers salvation as a free gift to be received by faith alone in Jesus Christ. This gift was purchased through Jesus' life, death, burial, and resurrection. By faith, we are justified before God apart from any human merit or work and are reconciled to Him restored to</p>	<p>Current SECTION 6: The Means of Salvation</p> <p>We believe that salvation from the guilt and condemnation of sin is possible only as the gift of God's grace. It cannot be gained by good resolutions, sincere efforts, or submission to the rules, regulations, or ordinances of any church, but is freely bestowed on all who put their faith in Christ</p>

<p>grace through the regenerating work of the Spirit and the word of God. He makes us alive with Christ, gives us a new heart, forgives our sins, clothes us in righteousness, adopts us into His family, transfers us into His Kingdom, and guarantees us eternal life. (Ezekiel 36:26-27; John 3:16, 5:24, 14:6; Romans 6:23; Ephesians 1:6-7, 2:4-9; Colossians 1:12-14; 1 Corinthians 15:3-4; 2 Corinthians 3:3, 5:18; Titus 3:5; 1 Peter 1:23-25)</p>	<p>relationship with Him. By His saving grace through the regenerating work of the Spirit and the word of God, He makes us alive with Christ, gives us a new heart, forgives our sins, changes our hearts, <u>adopts us into His family, transfers us into His Kingdom, clothes us in righteousness,</u> and guarantees us eternal life. (<u>John 3:16; 5:24, 14:6; Ephesians 1:6-7; 2:4-9; Romans 6:23; 5:12; Colossians 1:12-14; Ezekiel 36:26-27; Galatians 4:4-7; 1 Corinthians 15:3-4; 2 Corinthians 3:3, 5:18; Titus 3:5; 1 Peter 1:23-25</u>)</p>	<p>and trust in the work which Christ accomplished on the cross of Calvary. All who so trust the Savior pass from death unto life, are forgiven of their sins, accepted by the Father, and born into His family by the regenerating work of the Holy Spirit through the Word of God (John 5:24; Ephesians 1:6-7; 2:8, 9; Titus 3:5; 1 Peter 1:23).</p>
<p>Final SECTION 8: The Life of the Disciple</p> <p>We believe that all who receive God's grace by faith in Jesus Christ are given new spiritual life by the Holy Spirit; are completely forgiven of their sins; and are eternally secure, persevering by His grace. The Spirit empowers believers to love God and people, be disciples who learn to obey Jesus, deny themselves, and abide in Christ. As disciples learn to live sacrificially in God's Kingdom, they become more like Jesus, proclaiming the gospel and making disciples of all nations. (Matthew 4:17-19, 7:20-27, 16:24-25, 22:36-40, 24:13, 28:19-20; John 3:3-8, 10:27-29, 13:34-35; Acts 1:8, 10:43; Romans 8:11, 28-39; 2 Corinthians 3:18, 5:17; Galatians 5:16-25; Ephesians 1:7,13-14; 2:10; Hebrews 3:14; James 1:2-3, 2:14-26; 1 John 2:19, 5:11-13)</p>	<p>Proposed SECTION 8: The Life of the Disciple</p> <p>We believe that all who receive God's grace by faith in Jesus Christ are <u>completely forgiven of their sins, given new spiritual life by the Holy Spirit;</u> and are eternally secure persevering because they will endure by His grace. The Spirit empowers believers to love God and people, be disciples who learn to obey Jesus, deny themselves, and abide in Christ, and love God and people. As disciples learn to live sacrificially in God's Kingdom, they become more like Jesus proclaiming the gospel and embrace His mission of making disciples of all nations. (<u>Acts 1:8; 10:43; Ephesians 1:7, 13-14; 2:10; 1 John 2:19; 5:11-13; John 10:27-29; 13:34-35; 2 Corinthians 5:17; Hebrews 3:14; Galatians 5:16-25; Matthew 4:17-19; 7:20-27; 16:24-25; 22:36-40; 28:19-20; 24:13, 2 Corinthians 3:18; Romans 8:11, 28-39; James 1:2-3, 2:14-26</u>)</p>	<p>Current SECTION 7: The Believer's Assurance and Responsibility</p> <p>We believe that all who have been born again by God's transforming grace are secure in Christ forever. It is their privilege to rejoice in the assurance of their salvation, not on the basis of their own worthiness, but on the basis of God's faithfulness and the testimony of His Word. However, this assurance must not become an occasion for sin. The reality of their faith in Christ is demonstrated by subjecting their fleshly natures to the power of the Holy Spirit and by doing the good works for which He saved them, especially by demonstrating a Christlike love for one another (Matthew 7:20; John 10:27-29; 13:34-35; Romans 6:13; 8:28-39; Galatians 5:16; Ephesians 2:10; 1 John 3:14,23; 5:13).</p>
<p>Final SECTION 9: The Church</p>	<p>Proposed SECTION 9: The Church</p>	<p>Current SECTION 8: The Church</p>

<p>We believe that all who place their faith in Jesus Christ are united by the Holy Spirit into one Church of which Christ is the Head. Following Jesus' ascension to heaven, believers of all ethnicities and backgrounds have become one body, meeting together regularly in local assemblies which are led by appointed leaders. Churches gather for teaching, worship, prayer, fellowship, service, and the practices of baptism and the Lord's Supper, while maintaining the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. (Acts 1:9-11, 2:42-47, 8:12; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26, 12:12-13; Ephesians 1:22-23, 4:1-6, 15-16; Titus 1:5-9; Hebrews 10:24-25, 13:17)</p>	<p>We believe that all who have placed their faith in Jesus Christ are united by the Holy Spirit into one spiritual, universal Church of which Christ is the Head. Following After Jesus' ascension ascended back to heaven, believers of all ethnicities and backgrounds have become been united into one body, Believers are to meeting together regularly in local assemblies which are led by appointed leaders. The Churches gathers for teaching instruction, worship, prayer, fellowship, service, and the practices of baptism and the Lord's Supper, while maintaining the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. (1 Corinthians 11:23-26; 12:12-13; Ephesians 1:22-23; 4:1-6, 15-16; Hebrews 10:24-25; 13:17; Titus 1:5-9; Acts 1:9-11, 2:42-47; 8:12)</p>	<p>We believe that all who have placed their faith in Christ are united by the Holy Spirit into one spiritual body, the Church, of which Christ is the Head. This body was formed on the day of Pentecost and will be completed at the coming of Christ for His own. The members of this one spiritual body are directed to associate themselves together in local assemblies for instruction, worship, prayer, fellowship, service, and the administration of the ordinances of baptism and the Lord's Supper. They are likewise to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matthew 28:19; Acts 2:42-47; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; 12:13; Ephesians 1:22, 23; 4:3).</p>
<p>Final SECTION 10: The Second Coming of Christ</p> <p>We believe in the personal, bodily, and glorious return of our Lord Jesus Christ to gather up His Church, exercise judgment, and establish His Kingdom reign on earth. The anticipation of Christ's return, along with the rewards we will receive, joyfully motivate us to live in the way of Jesus. (Isaiah 9:6-8; Matthew 6:1-6, 24:31, 42-44, 25:1-13; John 14:1-3; 2 Corinthians 5:10; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Titus 2:11-14; 2 Peter 3:9-13; Revelation 3:10, 19:11-16, 20:1-21:4)</p>	<p>Proposed SECTION 10: The Second Coming of Christ</p> <p>We believe in the personal, bodily, and glorious return of our Lord Jesus Christ to gather up His Church, exercise judgment both to judge and to establish His Kingdom reign on earth. The anticipation of Christ's return, along with the rewards we will receive, and our heavenly rewards give us hope and joyfully motivate us to live in the way of Jesus. godly living, sacrificial service, and shared mission. (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; 2 Corinthians 5:10; Matthew 6:1-6; 24:42-44; 25:1-13; Revelation 3:10; 19:11-16; 20:1-6; 20:11-21:4; Isaiah 9:6-8; 2 Peter 3:9-13; John 14:1-3; Titus 2:11-14)</p>	<p>Current SECTION 10: The Second Coming of Christ</p> <p>We believe that the next great event in the fulfillment of prophecy is the personal return of Christ to remove from the earth His Church, both dead and living believers, and to reward each individual believer according to his works. After the removal of the Church the righteous judgments of God will be poured out on the unbelieving world, climaxed by the glorious return of Jesus Christ to the earth with His saints to establish His millennial kingdom (2 Corinthians 5:10; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Revelation 3:10; 19:11-16; 20:1-6).</p>
<p>Final SECTION 11: The Eternal State</p>	<p>Proposed SECTION 11: The Eternal State</p>	<p>Current SECTION 11: The Eternal State</p>

<p>We believe that at death, the souls of believers pass immediately into the joyful presence of Jesus Christ while the souls of unbelievers experience anguish apart from God. All who have died will be bodily resurrected, at which point unbelievers will be judged, eternally punished, and shut out from the presence of the Lord. Believers in Jesus will enjoy eternal life and reign with God in the new heaven and new earth. (Matthew 25:46; Luke 16:19-31; 2 Corinthians 5:8-10; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; 2 Thessalonians 1:9-10; Revelation 20:1-22:21)</p>	<p>We believe that, at death, the souls of believers pass immediately into the joyful presence of Jesus Christ while the souls of unbelievers experience anguish apart from God. All who have died will be resurrected We believe in the bodily resurrection of all people at which point unbelievers will be judged, eternally punished, with everlasting destruction and shut out from the presence of the Lord. while Believers in Jesus will enjoy eternal life and reign with God in the new heaven and new earth. (Matthew 25:46; 2 Corinthians 5:8-10; Luke 16:19-31; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; 2 Thessalonians 1:9-10; Revelation 20:1-22:21)</p>	<p>We believe that at death the souls of believers pass immediately into the presence of Jesus Christ. When Christ returns for the Church they will be reunited with their glorified bodies and associated with Him forever in glory. At death the souls of unbelievers pass immediately into torment. At the close of the millennium they will be reunited with their bodies, judged before the great white throne, then cast into the lake of fire, not to be annihilated, but to be separated from God forever in conscious punishment (Luke 16:19-26; 2 Corinthians 5:8; Philippians 1:23; 2 Thessalonians 1:7-9; Revelation 20:11-15).</p>
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