

# Bethesda Church Statement of Faith

**Holy Bible:** The Bible is the authoritative Word of God. It alone is the final authority for determining all truth. In its original writing the Bible is inspired, infallible, and inerrant.

**Trinity:** There is one God; eternal, existent in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. These three are co-equal and co-eternal.

**Jesus Christ:** Jesus Christ is God the Son, the second Person of the Trinity. He was fully God and fully man—the God Man. On earth, Jesus was 100 percent man. He is the only man ever to have lived a sinless life. He was born of a virgin, lived a sinless life, performed miracles, and died on the Cross to atone for our sins through the shedding of His blood. He rose from the dead on the third day according to the scriptures, ascended to the right hand of the Father and will return again in power and glory.

**The Holy Spirit:** Holy Spirit is the third person of the Trinity. He takes residence in the heart of every believer. He is our helper and endues us with power. Believers are commanded to develop the fruit of the Holy Spirit and to earnestly desire the manifestation of the gifts of the Holy Spirit in their lives.

**Virgin Birth:** Jesus Christ was conceived by the Holy Spirit. Since Mary was a virgin, Jesus and is the Son of God.

**Salvation:** We are saved by grace through faith in Jesus Christ. Salvation is a gift from God, not a result of our good works.

**Repentance:** Repentance is the commitment to turn away from sin in every area of our lives and to follow Christ which allows us to receive His redemption, and to be regenerated by the Holy Spirit. Through repentance we receive forgiveness of sins.

**Jesus' Blood:** The blood that Jesus Christ shed on the cross was sinless and is sufficient to cleanse us from all sin. His blood provides healing for every area of our lives.

## **Two Sacraments:**

**Water Baptism:** Following faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, the new believer is instructed by the Word of God to be baptized.

**The Lord's Supper:** A unique time of communion in the presence of God when the elements representing the body and the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ are taken in remembrance of Jesus' sacrifice on

the cross, His resurrection, and His victory over Satan, death, Hell, and the grave.

**Healing of the Sick:** Jesus healed the sick and has commissioned us to heal the sick. Healing is one of the signs that will follow believers. The gift of healing is one of the gifts of the Spirit.

**Heaven:** Heaven is the eternal dwelling place for everyone who has accepted Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.