

AGAPE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

STATEMENT OF FAITH

1. **THE TRINITY:** We believe in the Holy Trinity and that God exists in three, eternal coequal persons, The Father, The Son and The Holy Spirit (Matthew 28:19; 1 Peter 1:2).
2. **THE PERSON OF CHRIST:** Undiminished deity (true God) and complete humanity are united forever in one sinless, virgin-born person, The Lord Jesus Christ. The work of Christ through His death served as the perfect, God-satisfying substitute payment of the penalty for the sins of the world. His bodily resurrection guarantees life for all who believe in Him (Luke 1:35; John 1:1)
3. **REVELATION:** God has revealed Himself and His will through the divinely inspired scriptures. Also, the Bible is the inspired, infallible word of God and is supreme authority in all matters of faith and practice (1 Timothy 3:16-17).
4. **GIFTS:** The gifts of the Holy Spirit are to equip every believer for service. These gifts are useful for the effective operation of the work of the Gospel (1 Corinthians 12:4).
5. **BAPTISM:** There is one baptism by immersion and there is simultaneous baptism by the Holy Spirit at the time of conversion (Mark 16:16).
6. **PERSONAL SALVATION:** One can be assured of God's forgiveness and deliverance from eternal separation from God in hell and receive the sure hope of eternal life only through personal trust in the Lord Jesus Christ and acceptance of God's free gift of life through Jesus Christ (John 3:16; Romans 3:23).
7. **RAPTURE:** The last things include the personal, visible return of The Lord Jesus Christ to the earth and the establishment of His kingdom (Pre-millennial). We believe in the resurrection of the body and the final judgement, the eternal redemption of the righteous and the endless suffering of the wicked (1 Thessalonians 4:16-17).
8. **THE ORDINANCES:** The Lord commanded two (2) ordinances to the local church; Baptism and The Lord's supper. We believe that Christian Baptism is the immersion of the believer in water in the name of the Father, The Son and The Holy Spirit, the triune

God. We believe that The Lord's supper was instituted by Christ for the commemoration of His death. These two ordinances should be observed and administered until the return of the Lord Jesus Christ (Ephesians 4:5).

9. **CHRISTIAN CONDUCT:** A Christian should live for the glory of God and the well-being of His fellowmen; that his or her conduct should be blameless before the world; that he or she should be a faithful steward of his or her possession, also that he or she should realize full maturity in Christ (Ephesians 4:1-2)
10. **CHRISTIAN MARRIAGE:** We believe that Biblical marriage is between one man and one woman according to God's divine design. We do not believe in or recognize any other form marriage that does not represent God's original intent of a monogamous relationship between one man and one woman. (Genesis 1:26-28; Ephesians 5:22-29; Romans 1:26-27).
11. **GIVING:** We believe in the Biblical principle of tithes and offerings as the primary method for the continuation of effective ministry and evangelism. We believe every believer is responsible for the furtherance of the gospel through stewardship and generosity (Malachi 3:10-12; I Chronicles 29:10-14; 1 Corinthians 9:6-8).