

The Open Door Ministry, Inc.

Statement of Faith

1. Inspiration of Biblical Scripture.
 1. All scripture is given by inspiration of God and is therefore the infallible Word of God. inasmuch as it is correctly translated from the original writings.
 2. It is the final authority pertaining to humanity and its behavior, superseding all traditions and teachings of any church father.
 3. All scripture is profitable for doctrine, reproof, correction, and the instruction in righteousness.
 4. Although the Bible records diverse types of activities and lifestyles, one must be careful to note which are directives and those it only records. (II Tim. 3:16, II Peter 1:21).
2. One True God.
 1. We believe in the one everlasting, eternal God (Deut. 6:4)
 - a. Infinite in power.
 - b. Holy in nature, attributes, and purpose.
 - c. Possessing absolute indivisible deity.
 2. This one true God has revealed Himself as:
 - a. Father - to creation, mankind and the man Jesus born of the Virgin Mary.
 - b. Jesus Christ (Son) - through the incarnation for the purpose of redeeming humanity.
 - c. Holy Ghost (Spirit) - as the power of God dwelling in one's mortal body for the purpose of regeneration (I Cor. 8:6, Eph. 4:6, II Cor. 5:19).
 3. God is invisible, incorporeal, without parts, without body and therefore is free from all limitations. God is a Spirit (Jn. 4:24, Luke 24:39).
3. Son of God.
 1. The one true God, the Jehovah of the Old Testament, took upon Himself the form of man and was born of the virgin Mary (I Tim. 3:16, II Cor. 2:19).
 2. In the man Jesus dwelt all the fullness of the Godhead bodily:
 - a. Jesus in His humanity was man.
 - b. Jesus in His deity was God.
 - c. Jesus Christ is the only mediator between God and man (Col. 2:9, Col. 1:19, I Tim. 2:5).
4. Creation.
 1. The one true God created all things seen and unseen (Col 1:16).
 2. In the beginning, God created the Earth and man, innocent, pure and holy.
 3. Disobedience came into the world through the deceiving of Adam and Eve by the Serpent, the Devil:
 - a. The disobedience was sin against God and caused a break in the relationship of God with man.
 - b. With the entering of sin into the world, consequences were felt by man, woman, the earth, and Satan.
5. Grace and Faith.

1. The grace of God, known as His unmerited favor, is rooted, and based in God's love for all men.
2. The grace of God is that which provides a way of escape from the bondage of sin.
3. One's response to grace must be faith; believe and accept the provisions of salvation.
4. One is saved by grace through faith in the redemptive plan of God (Titus 2:11-12, Jn. 1:17, Eph. 6:4-6).

6. Salvation.

1. Salvation is the provision of God to redeem mankind back unto himself in communion and life everlasting.
2. Through the new birth experience, one can impute the righteousness of Christ upon themselves (Acts 2:35).
3. The new birth experience is this:
 - a. Death to the old man and nature through repentance unto God.
 - b. Burial through baptism in the Name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins.
 - c. Newness of life comes by the infilling of the Holy Ghost with the initial sign of speaking in other tongues as God gives the ability.
4. After the new birth experience, one must continue to walk in the Spirit and not fulfill the lust of the sinful man which leads to sin (Acts 2:38, Jn. 3:3-6, Luke 13:1, Rom. 6:1-10).

7. Holiness.

1. God alone is the definition of holiness (Lev. 11:44-45, 1 Peter 1:16).
2. Because God is a Spirit and the very definition of holy, holiness is therefore a spiritual quality brought into our life by God dwelling within us.
3. God tells us, "Be holy for I am holy" and again, "Without holiness no man shall see God" (Heb. 12:14).
4. True Holiness in humanity is described clearly in Ephesians (Eph. 4:17-5:7).

8. Divine Healing.

1. The Bible clearly indicates that God offers healing from physical ailments of mankind.
 - a. The same blood that washes away sin stains is also able to deliver man from the bondage of sickness.
 - b. By His stripes we are healed by the blood that flowed from His wounds.
2. Healing was bought by the blood of Jesus, (the only body that God has, for He is a spirit) and is therefore obtained through his Name (Is. 53:5, Matt. 8:17, James 5:14-16).

9. Eschatology.

1. The Bible indicates that the time is drawing near when our Lord shall appear; then the dead in Christ shall rise first, and we who are alive and remain will be caught up with them to meet our Lord in the air (I Thess. 4:13-17, I Cor. 15:51-54, Phil. 3:20-21).
2. Jesus is coming back to earth again, in person the second time, just as he did when He went away.