

STATEMENT OF FAITH

DCS subscribes to the following Statement of Faith:

1. We believe **the Bible to be the inspired and the only infallible authoritative Word of God.**
(II Timothy 3:16-17; II Peter 1:21)
2. We believe that **there is one God, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.** (Genesis 1:1; Matthew 3:16-17, John 10:30, 37-38)
3. We believe:
 - in the **deity of our Lord Jesus Christ** (John 10:33)
 - in **His Virgin Birth** (Isaiah 7:14; Matthew 1:23; Luke 1:35)
 - in **His sinless life** (Hebrews 4:15, 7:25, 9:12)
 - in **His Miracles** (John 2:11)
 - in **His vicarious and atoning death through His shed blood**
(1 Corinthians 15:3; Ephesians 1:7; Colossians 1:14; Hebrews 2:9)
 - in **His bodily resurrection** (John 11:25; 1 Corinthians 15:4)
 - in **His ascension to the right hand of the Father** (Mark 16:19)
 - in **His personal return in power and glory** (Acts 1:11; Revelation 19:11-16)
4. We believe that **man is sinful by nature** and that regeneration by the Holy Spirit is essential for his salvation. (Romans 3:19, 23; John 3:16-19, 5:25; Ephesians 2:8-10; Titus 3:5, 6)
5. We believe that **the blood of Jesus Christ, shed on the cross, provides the sole basis for the forgiveness of sin.** Therefore, the only means to salvation is belief in Christ's substitutional death and resurrection. (Acts 4:12, 13:38-39, I Corinthians 15:1-4, Romans 4:4-4, 5:1, John 3:16, Ephesians 2:8-9, Acts 16:31, Ephesians 1:4-5)
6. We believe in **the continuing ministry of the Holy Spirit**, by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a godly life. (Ephesians 4:30, 5:18; I Corinthians 3:16, 6:10-20)
7. We believe in **the resurrection of both the saved and the lost.** They who are saved unto eternal life and they who are lost unto eternal damnation. (John 5:28, 29)
8. We believe in **the spiritual unity of believers** in our Lord Jesus Christ.
(Romans 8:9; I Corinthians 12:12-13; Galatians 3:26-28)
9. We believe in **the creation of man by the direct Act of God.** (Genesis 1:26-28; 5:1-2)
10. We believe God's plan for **human sexuality is to be expressed only within the context of marriage**, that God created man and woman as unique biological persons made to complete each other. God instituted **monogamous marriage** between male and female as the foundation of the family and the basic structure of human society. For this reason, **we believe that marriage is exclusively the union of one genetic male and one genetic female.**
(Genesis 2:24; Matthew 19:5-6; Mark 10:6-9; Romans 1:26-27; 1 Corinthians 6:9)

