

Message of the Cross and MC Chapel Fellowship

Statement of Faith

We believe in the following—

1. In the verbal Divine inspiration of the original Scriptures.
2. In the absolute Trinity of the eternal God-head.
3. In the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ.
4. In the personality and deity of the Holy Spirit.
5. That Satan is a real personality and controls demons and dark spiritual powers which have evil intent to do harm to mankind and all true believers in Christ.
6. In the natural depravity of the human race.
7. In the substitutionary atonement through Jesus Christ and only Jesus Christ.
8. In the propitiation for sin only by the blood of Jesus Christ.
9. In the full salvation by grace through faith in Christ and not of religious works.
10. In divine healing through atonement and prayer of faith according to God's will.
11. In the anointing of oil and prayer for the sick with confession of sin if necessary.
12. In the personal infilling of the Holy Spirit as received by the Apostles.
13. In the personal baptism of the Holy Spirit for power to minister, witness and glorify Christ.
14. In the distribution of a variety of spiritual gifts by the Holy Spirit as outlined in Scripture, as the Holy Spirit wills for those prepared in discipline and verified for authenticity.
15. To practice the gift of prophesy in fellowship by all trained members, to graciously reveal the secrets of the heart in ministry for one another and for newcomers or outsiders.
16. In the necessity of the new birth by the Holy Spirit.
17. In the necessity of the sanctifying work of the Holy Spirit in the believer for emotional and spiritual restoration and maturity.
18. In water baptism by immersion at an age of accountability.
19. In the one and only true Church composed of all truly born anew, blood-washed and sanctified believers who are obedient to Christ.
20. In the evangelization of the lost within all nations of the world.
21. Public worship to be conducted with reverence, joy, thanksgiving and in orderly freedom for expressing the gifts of the Holy Spirit with discernment, decency and order.
22. In obedience to civil government when not contrary to God's commandments.
23. In divorce only on New Testament scriptural grounds.
24. In marriage only between man and woman as husband and wife, as prescribed in the Holy Scriptures.
25. In Church government, loyalty, and obedience to those in authority over us in the Lord who practice sound doctrine based on grace, truth and faith.
26. In the office of apostle, prophet, evangelist, pastor and teacher as gifts from the Lord Jesus to equip the saints for the work of the ministry and to bring maturity to the church.
27. In tithing and offerings in cheerful faith with a clear conscience—without reluctance or under compulsion as God's financial plan.

28. In restitution for past wrongs whenever possible.
29. In the open table at the Lord's Supper with examination of one's heart.
30. In the free moral willpower of man, who can backslide, apostatize, and enter into judgment of the Lord.
31. In the existence of evil and unredeemable people who have seared their conscience and become reprobate (for not all have faith).
32. In demonic possession, co-habitation, and oppression for non-believers and believers who have yet to become cleansed and healed from past defilements, wounds to the spirit, or suffer from double-mindedness.
33. In the maintenance of good works and holy living through and by the Holy Spirit and God's grace and mercy.
34. In the discipline and trying work of the Lord for every believer that brings righteousness and crucifixion of the flesh.
35. In the victorious life over sin, selfishness and bad habits through and by the Holy Spirit, the work of the cross and God's grace and mercy within the believer's life.
36. In Christian perfection (learning and doing the perfect will of God) and holiness through absolute surrender and consecration.
37. In diligent Bible study and unceasing prayer through the discipline and enabling grace of God.
38. In Christian modesty in the matter of dress, jewelry and abstaining from any appearance of evil or worldliness.
39. In the keeping of the Lord's Day as a matter of privilege rather than law with a commitment to regular assembly.
40. In regard to recreation - liberty of conscience and a Godly example to the world.
41. In the immortality and conscious existence of the human soul and human spirit.
42. In the resurrection of our literal bodies, the just and the unjust.
43. In a literal heaven and life everlasting for all true and obedient believers.
44. In a final day of judgment for the incorrigible wicked.
45. In the everlasting punishment of the un-contrite and non-repentant.
46. In the rapture of the saints or the true body of Christ at the end of the Great Tribulation.
47. In the personal, literal, bodily pre-millennia coming of Jesus Christ.
48. In a future, literal, 1,000-year reign of Christ on earth with all His saints.
49. In the Judgment Seat of Christ where the saints will finally be rewarded for their deeds of commission and omission.
50. In Christian tolerance to all denominations of the Christian faith and the invisible Universal Church of all true believers bonded in love. We desire to see unity between Christians but not at the expense of the sound teachings of our Lord Jesus Christ and godly life and character.