

DOCTRINAL STATEMENT.

Summary of Bible doctrine held and believed by the Association.

1. The plenary and verbal inspiration of the whole Bible (not including the Apocrypha) by God, and hence its absolute infallibility, authority and sufficiency.
2. The trinity of the Godhead consisting of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, that God is the Creator of all things visible and invisible: the Supreme Ruler of the Universe and the Supreme Judge to whom all intelligence are accountable for their behaviour.
3. That Jesus Christ is the Eternal Son of God: that He became man being born of the Holy Spirit by the Virgin Mary: that He lived a perfect, holy and sinless life, that He was crucified and died as the supreme and all sufficient sacrifice for the sins of men: that He was buried , that on the third day He arose from the dead, physically and literally; that He ascended physically into Heaven and that He will come again to receive all true believers to Himself, that He will reign in righteousness over the Earth and finally judge the unrepentant.
4. That the Holy Spirit is a real person, One of the Trinity, equal in power and majesty with the Father and the Son ; that He came to Earth on the Day of Pentecost (Acts 2) according to the promise of Jesus Christ; that He convicts the sinner; regenerates those who believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as their own personal Saviour; that He seals and indwells the believer; presides in the assembly; motivates spiritual gifts of administration, teaching, preaching etc. in the assembly; He may be grieved or quenched and thus hindered in His ministry, but will never leave or forsake the believer.
5. That every member of the human race is lost and ruined by sin and totally unable to recover himself wholly or partly from the penalty of sin; yet if not redeemed and saved before the end of his earthly life will suffer for his sins the conscious eternal punishment of the lake of fire.
6. That Justification, or salvation or recovery from the penalty of sin is by Faith alone in the Lord Jesus Christ; which must be personal faith and when once exercised will result in the salvation of the soul and can never be annulled.
7. That every saved person is responsible to endeavour, in dependence on the Lord, to live a holy life in all godliness and honesty, in accordance with the Word of God, so as, on one hand to maintain communion with God and on the other hand to give evidence to their fellowmen that they are truly saved.
8. That baptism is by total immersion of confessed believers in the Lord Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour.
9. That the observance of the Lord's Supper as instituted by the Lord Jesus in the Gospels and as instructed in 1 Corinthians 11, and exemplified in Acts 2 and Acts 20, and is observed on a regular basis.
10. That a Gospel testimony be maintained by public meetings, in or out of doors, Sunday School, Youth Work together with an interest in home and foreign missionary enterprise.
11. That rule in the assembly is of the pastoral type, by people who are made overseers by the Holy Spirit, and recognised by their godly concern for the welfare of the saints and the assembly.

12. That discipline is a function of the whole assembly in which it is guided by the Elders and may consist of anything from an admonition to excommunication, according to the nature of the offence and the instruction of scripture in dealing with it.
13. That ministry, whether preaching or teaching or leading in prayer or praise, is under the guidance of the Holy Spirit and that the Assembly through its Elders will promote profitable ministry by encouraging those so gifted and restraining any who would go beyond their gift.
14. That all who are members of the Body of Christ and are sound in doctrine, godly in life and orderly in conduct should be welcome to share in the fellowship and privileges of the assemblies referred to herein but that an assembly in its strict legal sense embraces only those who have been duly and permanently received into fellowship.