



WHAT WE BELIEVE *Our Statement of Faith*

THE VINE Tenets of Faith from Article II in The Vine Constitution

The One True God

We believe God has revealed Himself as the eternally existent. "I AM", revealed in three persons: God the Father. God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. (Deuteronomy 6:4; Mark 12:29; Isaiah 43:10; Matthew 28:19)

The Son Of God

We believe in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ. His virgin birth, His sinless life, His miracles, His vicarious and atoning death, His bodily resurrection, His ascension to the right hand of the Father and His personal return to this earth in power and glory to rule over the nations. (Matthew 16:21; Luke 1:26-38; John 1:1-3; 8:58; 10:30; Acts 1:9-11; Romans 5:6-9; 1 Corinthians 5:1-3; 2 Corinthians 5:21; Revelation 19:11-16; 20:4-6)

The Sinfulness Of Man

We believe man was created good and upright. God made humans in the image and likeness of God. But man, by voluntary transgression fell, and his only hope of redemption is in a relationship with God through faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God. (Genesis 1:26-31; 3:1-7; Romans 5:12-21)

The Salvation Of Man

We Believe The Conditions Of Salvation:

Salvation is by the grace of God. It is unearned and undeserved. (Titus 2:11; Ephesians 2:8-9) It is by His mercy that He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. (Titus 3:5)

Salvation is received through faith in Jesus Christ as Lord. (Romans 10:9-19; Acts 16:31) Jesus called this experience being born again. (John 3:3-7) We are baptized into the Body of Christ at this time.

Salvation comes by repenting of sin and believing in God's provision of Jesus Christ. (Proverbs 28:13; 1 John 1:9) Receiving Christ is allowing God to live within. (Romans 8:9; Revelation 3:20)

We Believe In The Evidence Of Salvation:

God's Word declares it. (Titus 1:2), The inward witness of the Holy Spirit (Romans 8:16), The outward evidence is a daily, personal relationship with God producing a life of righteousness and obedience to God and His Word.

Water Baptism

We believe the ordinance of baptism by immersion should be observed as commanded in the Scriptures. All believers who have repented of their sins and in their heart have trusted Jesus Christ alone for their salvation are baptized to declare to the world that they have died to their old life and are raised to newness of life. (Matthew 28:19; Acts 10:47,48; Romans 6:4)

The Lord's Supper

We believe in communion, The Lord's Supper, consists of the elements of bread and the fruit of the vine. These symbolize our sharing the divine nature of our Lord Jesus Christ. This is a memorial of Christ's suffering and death and the promise of his second coming. It is a time of self-examination and renewal and a pledge to unity. It is extended to all who have placed their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. (John 6:48-57; Luke 22:19-20, 2 Peter 1:4; 1 Corinthians 11:26)

Marriage

We believe marriage was ordained by God from the beginning of the human race. Examples of marriage are God's covenant relationship with Israel and Christ's relationship with the believer. It is where husband (man) and wife (woman) become "One Flesh" and therefore is to be broken only by death. Christian marriage can only be realized when both bride (woman) and groom (man) are believers in the Lord Jesus Christ. Marriage should be honored by all, and the marriage bed kept pure. The purpose for marriage is companionship, enjoyment, completeness, fruitfulness, and protection. God honors the husband (man) and wife (woman) as they extend love and forgiveness, grace and mercy, to each other. (Genesis 1:28; 2:22-24; Amos 3:3; Malachi 2:16; Matthew 5:32; Romans 7:2-3; Ephesians 5:22-23; Hebrews 13:4; 1 Peter 3:1-7)

The Baptism In The Holy Spirit

We believe all believers are entitled to, and should expect and earnestly seek, the promise of the Father, The Baptism In The Holy Spirit, according to the promise of John the Baptist and the command of Jesus Christ. This was the normal experience of all in the early Christian Church. With it comes the giving of power for witness and service; the giving of spiritual gifts for building up the body of Christ. This experience can take place at the same time or subsequent to the experience of the new birth. (Luke 24:49; Acts 1:4-8; 2:3-4; 10:44-46; 15:7-9; 19:1-6; 1 Corinthians 12:1-31; 14:1-40)

The Baptism of believers in or with the Holy Spirit is evidence by speaking in other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance; by prophesying; and by the subsequent manifestation of spiritual power in witness and service. The proof of this baptism is the consistent life of obedience to God and His Word. (Acts 1:8; 2:4; 2:42,43; 10:44-46; 19:2-6)

Sanctification

We believe sanctification is the process of becoming like Jesus. The Scriptures teach a life of holiness. By the power of the Holy Spirit we are able to obey the command of God, "Be holy, for I am holy." Sanctification is the will of God for all believers, and should be earnestly pursued by walking in obedience to God's Word. (Romans 8:3-4; 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24; Hebrews 12:14; 1 Peter 1:15-16; 1 John 2:6)

The Church

We believe the Church is the body of Christ, the household of God through the Spirit, with divine appointment for the fulfillment of the great commission. Each believer, born of the Spirit, is a member of the family of God and has his name written in heaven.

(Matthew 16:16-18; 28:18-20; Ephesians 1:22; 2:19-22; Hebrews 12:23)

The Ministry And Evangelism

We believe the ministry of reconciliation is given to all believers. The work of the members of the Body of Christ is evangelize the world. The preparation of the saints for this work is accomplished through the work of the apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, and teachers. (Matthew 28:18-20; Mark 16:15-20; 1 Corinthians 12:14; 2 Corinthians 5:18-19; Ephesians 4:11-13)

Divine Healing

We believe praying for deliverance from satanic powers and healing of our bodies is the privilege of all believers who call upon the Great Physician, the Lord Jesus Christ.

(Isaiah 53:4-5; Matthew 8:16-17; 10:1; Mark 16:16-17; Luke 10:1-20; 1 Corinthians 12:7-11; Philippians 2:5-11; James 5:14-16; 1 Peter 2:24)

The Rapture Of The Church

We believe the resurrection of those who have fallen asleep in Christ and their translation, together with those who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord Jesus, is imminent and the blessed hope of the Church. (Romans 8:23; 1 Corinthians 15:51-52; 1 Thessalonians 4:16-18; Titus 2:13)

The Millennial Reign Of Christ

We believe the revelation of the Lord Jesus Christ from heaven, the salvation of national Israel, and the one thousand year reign of Christ on the earth is the Scriptural promise and the world's hope. (Matthew 24:28-31; 25:31-46; Revelation 19:11-16; 20:1-6; 21:1-8)

The Lake Of Fire

We believe the devil and his angels, the beast and the false prophet, and anyone's name not found written in the book of Life, shall be consigned to everlasting torment in the lake of fire, which is the second death. (Revelation 19:20; 20:10-15)

The New Heaven and New Earth

We believe in "Keeping with His promise," we look forward to a new heaven and a new earth, the home of righteousness. (2 Peter 3:13; Revelation 21:1-8)