

Rooted Life Fellowship

S T A T E M E N T O F B E L I E F

1. **WE BELIEVE** the Bible is the inspired and only positive and authoritative written Word of God. (2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:19-21)
2. **WE BELIEVE in the Trinity**—there is one God, eternally existent in three persons: God the Father, God the Son—Jesus Christ, and God the Holy Spirit. (Genesis 1:26; Titus 3:3-8; John 14:8-28)
3. **WE BELIEVE** in the deity of our LORD Jesus Christ; in His virgin birth; in His sinless life; in His miracles; that He died in our place and redeemed us from our sins; in His bodily resurrection; in His ascension to the right hand of the Father. (Luke 1:26-38; Acts 2:22; 32:33; Romans 5:8; 14:9; 2 Corinthians 5:21; Hebrews 4:15; Colossians 2:9)
4. **WE BELIEVE** that man was created good and upright. But man, by voluntary transgression, fell and his only hope of redemption is in Jesus Christ, the Son of God. (Romans 3:21-24)
5. **WE BELIEVE** the only means of being cleansed from sin is through repentance and faith in the precious blood of Christ through His redemption. (John 3:7; 16-18; Romans 3:23-25; 5:9; 10: 9-10; 13; 1 John 1:7) Repentance is the commitment to turn away from sin in every area of our lives and to follow Christ, which allows us to receive His redemption and to be regenerated by the Holy Spirit. Thus, through repentance we receive forgiveness of sins and appropriate salvation. (Acts 2:21; 3:19; 1 John 1:9)
6. **WE BELIEVE** in Jesus' Blood. The Blood that Jesus Christ shed on the cross of Calvary was sinless and is 100% sufficient to cleanse mankind of all sin. Jesus allowed Himself to be punished for both our sinfulness and our sins, enabling all those who believe to be free from the penalty of sin, which is death. (John 1:29; Romans 3:10-12, 23; 5:9; Colossians 1:20; 1 John 1:7; Revelation 1:5; 5:9)
7. **WE BELIEVE** in Salvation. Through the redemptive work of Christ we are given Salvation. We are saved by grace through faith in Jesus Christ; His death, burial and resurrection. Salvation is a gift from God, not a result of human works or of any human efforts. However, our works will determine our future rewards. (Acts 16:31; Romans 10:9-10; Galatians 2:16; 3:8; Ephesians 2:8-9; 4:12; Hebrews 6:10; 9:22; Titus 3:5; Revelations 22:12)
8. **WE BELIEVE** that we receive our salvation by grace through *faith* in Jesus Christ and not by human works; however, our works will determine our future rewards. (Ephesians 2:8-10; 4:12; Hebrews 6:10; Revelations 22:12)
9. **WE BELIEVE** the redemptive work of Christ on the cross provides total Salvation—wholeness for the Believer spiritually, mentally, physically, financially, and socially. Spiritually—John 3:3,11; 2 Corinthians 5:17-21; Romans 10:9-10; Mentally—2 Timothy 1:7; Romans 12:2; Isaiah 26:3. Physically—Isaiah 53:4-5; Matthew 8:17; 1 Peter 2:24. Financially—3 John 1:2; Malachi 3:10-11; Luke 6:38. Socially—Proverbs 3:4; Luke 2:52)
10. **WE BELIEVE** in the sanctifying power of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a holy life. Sanctification is the ongoing process of separating ourselves to God by yielding to His Word and His Spirit in order to complete the development of Christ's character in us. It is through the power/ministry of the Holy Spirit and the Word of God that the Christian is enabled to live a separated holy/godly life. (2 Corinthians 3:18; 6:14-18; 2 Thessalonians 2:13; 1 Peter 1:2)

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11. **WE BELIEVE** that Jesus Christ indwells all Believers. Christians are people who have invited the Lord Jesus Christ to come and live inside them by His Holy Spirit. They relinquish the authority of their lives over to Him thus making Jesus the Lord of their life as well as Savior. They put their trust in what Jesus accomplished for them when He died, was buried, and rose again from the dead. (John 1:12; 14:17,23; 15:4; Romans 8:11; Revelation 3:20)
12. **WE BELIEVE** in water baptism by immersion. (Matthew 28:18-20; Mark 16:5-16; John 3:23; Acts 8:36)
13. **WE BELIEVE** in the indwelling and baptism in the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues. (Acts 2:4; 10:44-46; Ephesians 5:18)
14. **WE BELIEVE** in the operational Gifts of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is manifested through a variety of spiritual gifts to build and sanctify the church, demonstrate the validity of the resurrection, and confirm the power of the Gospel. The Bible lists of these gifts are not necessarily exhaustive, and the gifts may occur in various combinations. All Believers are commanded to earnestly desire the manifestation of the gifts in their lives. These gifts always operate in harmony with the Scriptures and should never be used in violation of biblical parameters. (Romans 1:11; 12:4-8; 1 Corinthians 12:1-31; 14:1-40; Ephesians 4:16; Hebrews 2:4; 1 Peter 4:10; 2 Timothy 1:5-16)
15. **WE BELIEVE** in observing the LORD's Supper—Communion, which consists of the elements, bread and fruit of the vine. These are the symbols expressing the memorial of His suffering and death; our sharing of the divine nature of our LORD Jesus Christ; and a prophecy of His coming; commanded for all Believers to participate in until He comes. (Matthew 26:17-30; Mark 14:12-26; Luke 22:1-23; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25)
16. **WE BELIEVE** in the Church. The Church is the Body of Christ, the habitation of God through the Spirit, with divine appointments for the fulfillment of Jesus' great commission. Every person who is born of the Spirit is an integral part of the Church as a member of the Body of Believers. There is a spiritual unity of all Believers in our Lord Jesus Christ. (John 17:11, 20-23; Ephesians 1:22; 2:19-22; Hebrews 12:23)
17. **WE BELIEVE** in the literal Rapture of the Church, that the dead in Christ will rise first, and those who are alive and remain shall be caught up to meet Jesus in the air. (1 Corinthians 15:51-54; 1 Thessalonians 4:15-18; Revelations 3:10)
18. **WE BELIEVE** in the literal Second Coming of Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ will physically and visibly return to earth for the second time to establish His kingdom. This will occur at a date undisclosed by the Scriptures. (Matthew 24:30; 26:63-64; Acts 1:9-11; 2 Thessalonians 1:7-8; Revelation 1:7)
19. **WE BELIEVE** in the Resurrection of the Dead. Jesus Christ was physically resurrected from the dead in a glorified body three days after His death on the cross. In addition, both the saved and the lost will be resurrected; they that are saved to the resurrection of life and they that are lost to the resurrection of eternal damnation. (Luke 24:16, 36, 39; John 2:19-21; 20:26-28; acts 24:15; 1 Corinthians 15:42, 44; Philippians 1:21-23; 3:21)
20. **WE BELIEVE** in the Place of Heaven. Heaven is the eternal dwelling place for all Believers as recorded in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. (Matthew 5:3, 12, 20; 6:20; 21:4; Acts 24:15; 1 Corinthians 15:42, 44; Philippians 1:21-23; 3:21)

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21. **WE BELIEVE** in the Place of Hell. After living one life on earth, the unbelievers will be judged by God and sent to Hell where they will be eternally tormented with the devil and the fallen angels. (Matthew 25:41; Mark 9:43-48; Hebrews 9:27; Revelation 14:9-11; 20:12-15; 21:8)
22. **WE BELIEVE** in Bringing Offerings into the Local Church. We believe in the bringing of tithes and offerings to support God's work in the local church, giving alms, and caring for the poor, sick, homeless, and otherwise unfortunate. (Malachi 3:10; Matthew 22:21; 1 Corinthians 16:2; Leviticus 27:30; 2 Corinthians 8 & 9)