A Need For Clarity
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STATEMENT OF FAITH – PART 2

X THE MEDIATOR Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, is the divinely appointed mediator between God and man. Having taken on himself the form of man, yet without sin, He perfectly fulfilled the law, suffered and died upon the cross for the salvation of sinners. He was buried, and rose again the third day, and ascended to His Father, at whose right hand He lives forever to make intercession for His people. He is the only Mediator, the Prophet, Priest, and King of the Church, and Sovereign of the Universe.

XI REGENERATION Regeneration is a change of the heart brought about by the Holy Spirit, who brings alive those who are dead in sin, and enlightens the mind spiritually to understand the Word of God for the purpose of holiness and spiritual maturity. It is a work of God's free grace alone.

XII REPENTANCE Repentance is an evangelical grace, where a person made sensible by the Holy Spirit is made sensible of the sin in his life, humbles himself for it in godly sorrow, detests the sin, and purposes and endeavors to walk before God as to please him in all things by abandoning those sins that are revealed to him.

XIII FAITH Saving faith is the belief on God's authority of what is revealed to the believer in His Word concerning Christ; accepting and resting upon Christ alone for justification and eternal life. It is brought about in the heart by the Holy Spirit and is accompanied by all other saving graces, which lead to a life of holiness.

XIV JUSTIFICATION Justification is God's gracious and full acquittal of sinners who believe in Christ, from all sin, through the sacrifice that Christ has made; not for anything wrought in them or done by them but on account of the obedience and satisfaction of Christ's righteousness imparted to the believer.

XV SANCTIFICATION Those who have been regenerated are also sanctified by God's Word and Spirit dwelling in them. This sanctification is progressive through the supply of Divine strength.

XVI PERSEVERANCE OF THE SAINTS Those whom God has accepted & sanctified by His Spirit, will never totally nor finally fall away from the state of grace, but shall persevere to the end; and though they may fall through neglect & temptation into sin, and may grieve the Holy Spirit, can be renewed again to repentance and kept through the power of God through faith to salvation.

XVII THE CHURCH The Lord Jesus is the Head of the Church, which is composed of all His true disciples, and in Him is invested supremely all power for its government and effective function. According to His commandment, Christians are to associate themselves with other believers, in a structure that is based on New Testament principles and guidelines. The church government and its functions shall be directed and guided through pastoral leadership and elders who seek, through prayer and the study of the Word, God's will for the church.

XVIII BAPTISM Baptism is an ordinance of the Lord Jesus, to be followed in by every believer, where by immersion in water in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit provides a sign of the believer's fellowship with the death and resurrection of Christ, of remission of sins, and his surrender to God, to live and walk in newness of life.

XIX THE LORD'S SUPPER The Lord's Supper is an ordinance of Jesus Christ, to be administered with the elements of bread & wine, and to be observed by His believers until His return. It is in no sense a sacrifice, but it represents His sacrifice in which the believer has faith and other Christian graces. It is to be entered into with a bond, pledge, & renewal by the believer of his communion with the Lord & with the church.

XX THE RESURRECTION The bodies of man after death return to dust, but their spirits return immediately to God – the righteous to rest with Him; the sinner to be reserved under darkness until the day of judgment. At the last day, the bodies of all the dead, both just and unjust, will be raised.

XXI THE JUDGMENT God has appointed a day in which He will judge the world by Jesus Christ, when every one shall receive according to his deeds; the lost wicked shall go to everlasting punishment; the saved righteous into everlasting life.