



Children's Cup Statement of Faith

Children's Cup accepts the Bible as the revealed will of God, the all-sufficient rule of faith and practice, and for the purpose of maintaining general unity of statements of faith.

GOD: God is the Creator and Ruler of the universe. He exists eternally as three equal Persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. (Genesis 1:1, 26-27; Psalm 90:2; Matthew 28:19)

JESUS CHRIST: Jesus Christ is the Son of God. He is fully God and equal with the Father and Holy Spirit. Jesus was born of a virgin, lived a sinless life, performed miracles and offered Himself as the perfect sacrifice for the sins of all people by dying on the cross. He rose from the dead after three days to demonstrate His power over sin and death. He descended and set captives free, ascended to Heaven's glory and will return again someday to earth to reign as King of Kings, and Lord of Lords. (Matthew 1:22-23; John 1:1-5, 14; John 14:10-31; Romans 1:4; Ephesians 4:9-10; Philippians 2:5-6)

HUMANITY: God made the human race in the image of God, to be like Him in character. People are the supreme object of God's creation. Although every person has tremendous potential for good, all of us are marred by an attitude of disobedience toward God. This attitude, called sin, separates people from God and causes many problems in life with the end result being death. (Genesis 1:27; Psalm 8:3-6; Romans 3:23, 6:23; Isaiah 59:1-2)

JUSTIFICATION: We are justified by grace through faith in Jesus Christ and His Death on the cross. Now we are adopted as His children, delivered and acquitted of all guilt of past sins. Now we are declared as righteous in Christ. (Romans 3:24-26; Romans 5:1-5; Romans 5:15-21)

GLORIFICATION: We are glorified by the grace through faith in Jesus Christ and His death on the cross. Ultimate glorification is to be delivered from the presence of sin and live eternally in His presence. Earthly spiritual glorification is not allowing the presence of sin to reside or reign in our life. When we sin as saints we should still confess our sins and Christ who is faithful and just shall forgive us and cleanse us from the presence of sin. For the end result of sin is death and separation from God. (Romans 6:12-14; Romans 12:1-2; Gal 2:20; Eph 5:18; 1 John 1:9)

THE CHURCH: The Church is the Bride of Christ and the Body of Christ on earth. It represents Jesus Christ, works with the power of the Holy Spirit and seeks for God's will to be done on

earth as it is in heaven. 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 spiritual unity of all believers in our Lord Jesus Christ. (John 17:11, 20-23; Ephesians 1:22, 2:19-22, 5:25-32; Hebrews 12:23)

LORD'S SUPPER: A time of communion in the presence of God when the elements of bread and grape juice represent the body and blood of Christ and are taken in remembrance of Jesus' sacrifice on the cross. (Matthew 26:26-29; Luke 22:14-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-32)

DIVINE HEALING: Divine healing is illustrated in the life and ministry of Jesus and included in the commission of Jesus to His disciples. It is given as a sign, which is to follow believers. It is also a part of Jesus' work on the cross and one of the gifts of the Spirit. (Psalm 103:2-3; Isaiah 53:5; Matthew 8:16-17; Mark 16:17-18; Acts 8:6-7; James 5:14-16)

FINAL JUDGEMENT: There will be a final judgment, which the wicked dead will be raised and judged at the end of the millennium (the great white throne of judgment). Whosoever is not found written in the Book of Life, together with the devil and his angels, the beast and the false prophet, will be consigned to the everlasting punishment in the lake, which is burning with fire and brimstone, which is the second death. (Matthew 9:43-48, 25:46; Revelation 19:20, 20:11-15, 21:8)

HOLY SPIRIT: The Holy Spirit is equal with the Father and the Son of God. He is present in the world to make men aware of their need for Jesus Christ. He provides the Christian with power for living, understanding of spiritual truth, and guidance in doing what is right. As Christians, we seek to live under His control daily. (John 14:17, 16:7-13; 2 Corinthians 3:17; Ephesians 5:18)

INSPIRED SCRIPTURE: The Bible is God's word to us. It was written by human authors under the supernatural guidance of the Holy Spirit. It is the only source of truth for Christian beliefs and living. Because God inspires it, it is the truth without error. The Bible was not written only to educate us, but to change our lives. (Psalm 119:19; 2 Timothy 3:16)

SALVATION: We are saved by grace through faith in Jesus Christ and His death on the cross. Salvation is a gift from God, not a result of our good works or of any human effort. Because of sin every person is in need of salvation from God. When we accept salvation we are born again by the power of the Holy Spirit. (John 3:3-18; Acts 16:31; Romans 10:9-10; Galatians 2:16, 3:8; Ephesians 2:8-9; Titus 3:5)

SANCTIFICATION: We are sanctified by grace through faith in Jesus Christ and His death on the cross. Now no longer does the power or the presence of sin have control, but the divine nature of God is dominant and the sin nature is dormant. We must continue on a daily basis to keep the sin nature crucified by walking in the Spirit and trusting in finished work of Christ on the cross. We must also experience the cross, so we will die with Christ and Christ will live through us. Sanctification is not an attainment but a continuous process of allowing the Holy Spirit to continue to transform us into His image as a living sacrifice. (Dead to the world and flesh but alive to God) This process will separate us from the world and consecrate us unto God for His

service. (Luke 9:23; Romans 6:3-7; Romans 6:14; Romans 12:1-2; 2 Corinthians 4:10-11; Galatians 2:20; Galatians 6:14; 1 Thessalonians 4:3; 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24; Titus 2:11-12)

CHRISTIAN LIFE: The Christian life is an ongoing process of being transformed by God's Word and His Spirit in order to complete the development of Christ's character in us. It is through the present ministry of the Holy Spirit, the Word of God and God's grace that the Christian is able to live a Godly life. (Romans 8:29; 2 Corinthians 3:18, 6:14-18; 1 Thessalonians 4:3, 5:23; 2 Thessalonians 2:1-3; Titus 2:12; Hebrews 2:11)

BAPTISM: Following faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, the new convert is commanded by the Word of God to be baptized in water in the name of the Father, Son, Holy Spirit and Jesus' name. (Matthew 28:19; Acts 2:38)

BAPTISM IN THE HOLY SPIRIT: Given at Pentecost, it is the promise of the Jesus Christ, sent by the Father, to empower the Church to be a witness to the Gospel throughout the whole earth. One of the signs of baptism in the Holy Spirit is speaking in other tongues, along with various other gifts. (Matthew 3:11; Mark 16:17; Acts 1:5, 2:1-4, 17, 38-39, 8:14-17, 10:38, 44-47, 11:15-17, 19:1-6)

SECOND COMING: The second coming of Christ includes the rapture of the saints which is our blessed hope, followed by the visible return of Christ with His saints to reign on earth for one thousand years. (Zechariah 14:5; Matthew 24:27,30; Revelation 1:7, 19:11-14, 20:1-6)

THE BLESSED HOPE: The resurrection of those who have died in Christ and their translation together with those who are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord is the imminent and blessed hope of the Church. (Romans 8:23; 1 Corinthians 15:51,52; 1 Thessalonians 4:16,17; Titus 2:13)

THE NEW HEAVEN & THE NEW EARTH: We, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth where God's righteousness dwells. (2 Peter 3:13; Revelation 21; Revelation 22)

BIBLICAL MARRIAGE: God our Creator established marriage as a sacred institution between one man and one woman, an immutable precept that marriage is a covenant only between one man and one woman has been the traditional and Biblical definition of marriage for all of human history. (Genesis 2:22-24; Matthew 19:4-6)