Center for New Testament Restoration Statement of Faith

Whereas,

- 1. I believe the Bible in the original autographs of the 66 books of the Old and New Testaments is divinely inspired (2Tim. 3:16, 2Pet. 1:20-21), inerrant (Ps. 119:160, Matt. 5:18), and authoritative (Ps. 119:44-45, 1Pet. 1:23) in all matters of faith and conduct.
- 2. I believe there is one God (Deut. 6:4, Mark 12:29), eternally existent in three persons (Matt. 28:19, 2Cor. 13:14, 1Pat. 1:2): Father (Deut. 32:6, 1Cor. 8:6), Son (Matt.3:17, John 3:16, Heb. 1:5) and Holy Spirit (John 16:7-15, Rom. 8:9, Gal. 4:6).
- 3. I believe Jesus Christ is God incarnate (John 1:14, 1Jn, 4:2), both fully God (Isa, 9:6, John 1:1, Col, 2:9) and fully man (John 1:14, Heb. 5:7-8, 1Jn. 1:1-3), who was born of a virgin by the Holy Spirit (Isa. 7:14, Matt. 1:18, Luke 1:34-35), lived a sinless life (Heb. 4:15, 1Pet. 2:22, 1Jn. 3:5), was crucified (Mark 15:22-24, John 19:16-18, Acts 2:36), arose bodily from the dead (Matt. 28:5-10, Acts 2:23-24, 1Cor. 15:3-4), ascended into Heaven (Luke 24:50-51, Acts 1:6-11, Eph. 1:20), sits at the right hand of God (Col. 3:1, Heb. 8:1, 1Pet 3:22), and will physically return in the future (Matt. 24:30, Acts 1:10-11, Rev. 1:7).
- 4. I believe that being born again by the Holy Spirit is necessary for salvation (John 3:5-8, Rom 8:9, Eph. 1:13-14) and the indwelling of the Holy Spirit enables the Christian to live a godly life (Acts 1:8 Rom. 8:5-13, Gal. 5:16-17).
- 5. I believe every person is inherently sinful (Gen. 6:5, Rom. 3:9-19, 23, Eph 21-3) and deserving of God's wrath (Rom. 1:18, 5:10, 6:23). Salvation is only possible through Jesus Christ (John 14:6, Acts 4:12, 1Tim. 2:5), which is attained by grace through faith, not by works (Rom. 5:1-2, Eph. 2:8-9, Tit. 3:3-7).
- 6. I believe that everyone will be resurrected to face a final judgement by God (Matt. 16:27, Heb. 9:27-28, Rev. 20:11-13) - those that are saved will be resurrected to eternal life (Matt. 25:34, John 14:2-3, Rev. 21:1-3) and those that are lost will be resurrected to eternal punishment (Matt. 25:46, 2Thes. 1:9, Rev. 14:11).
- 7. I believe in the spiritual unity of all believers in the Lord Jesus Christ from all nations and languages and people groups (Acts 2:9-11, 10:34-3Rev. 5:9) who are all members of His body, the Church (1Cor. 12:12-27, Eph. 1:22-23, 4:4-6).

Therefore,

- 1. I will submit to the authority of the Scripture (1Thes. 2:13, 2Thes. 2:15, 2Jn. 1:6) and apply its teachings and principles to my life (Ps. 19:7-10, 2Tim. 3:16).
- 2. I attest that I have been born again of the Spirit (John 1:12, 3:3, 1Pet. 1:23), and I have repented of my sins (Luk 24:47, Acts 2:38, 2Cor. 7:10) and received Jesus Christ as Lord of my life (Rom 10:9-10, 2Cor. 4:5, Phil. 2:10-11).
- 3. I desire to obey God (Eccl. 12:13, Acts 5:29, 1Jn. 2:3) and follow the leading of the Holy Spirit (Rom. 8:4, 14, Gal 5:25, Acts 16:7).
- 4. I seek to have regular fellowship with other believers in the Church (Acts 2:42, Heb. 10:24-25, 1Jn. 1:7).
- 5. I endeavor to share the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ and disciple others, which is the responsibility of all believers (Matt. 28:18-20, Acts 1:8, 2Tim. 2:2).

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