

Spirit and Truth Ekklesia



Articles of Faith - Statement of Faith

Spirit and Truth Ekklesia (SATE) accepts the Holy Bible as the revealed will of God, the all-sufficient rule of both faith and practice, and for the purpose of maintaining unity, adopts the following **Statement of Faith** of Scriptural Truths as our guide:

1. THE BIBLE IS THE INSPIRED WORD OF GOD:

A revelation from God to man, the infallible rule of both Faith and Conduct and is superior to conscience and reason, but not contrary to reason.

2 Tim. 3:15-17; 1 Peter 1:23-25; Hebrews 4:12.

2. TRINITY:

The one true God has revealed Himself as the eternal self-existent "I Am": and has further revealed Himself as embodying the principles of relationship and association; that is as Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

Deut. 6:4; Mark 12:29; Isa. 43:10; Matt. 28:19.

3. MAN WAS CREATED IN "THE IMAGE OF GOD":

So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

Gen. 1:27

But, man, by transgression fell, and his only hope of redemption is in Jesus Christ, the Son of God and the Son of Man.

John 14:6

4. SALVATION BY GRACE:

The Grace of God, which bringeth salvation, hath appeared to all men, through the preaching of repentance toward God and faith toward the Lord Jesus Christ: Man is saved by the washing of regeneration and the renewing of the Holy Ghost, and being justified by Grace through Faith, man becomes heir of God according to the hope of Eternal Life.

Titus 2:11; Rom.10:13-15; Luke 24:27; Titus 2:5-7.

The inward evidence to the believer of his salvation is the direct witness of the Holy Ghost to his own heart and soul.

Rom.8:16.

The outward evidence to all men is a life of "Holiness without which no man shall see the Lord."

5. THE PROMISE OF THE FATHER:

All believers are entitled to and should seek earnestly and accept ardently the Promise of the Father, the Baptism in the Holy Ghost and fire, according to the command of our Lord. This was the normal

experience of all in the early Christian Church. With this baptism comes the endowment of power, the bestowing of the Gifts mentioned in I Cor. 12:13,14. This experience is distinct from and subsequent to the new birth.

Luke 24:49; Acts 10:44-46; Acts 11:14-16; Acts 15:7-9.

The baptism with and in the Holy Ghost is evidenced by the initial physical sign of speaking with other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance and by a life of overcoming power.

Acts 2:4; Acts 19:2-6; Acts 1:8; Acts 2:42-43.

6. SANCTIFICATION:

The Scriptures teach a life of "Holiness" without which no man shall see the Lord. By the power of the Holy Ghost we are able to obey the command, "Be Ye Holy, For I Am Holy". Entire sanctification is the will of God for all believers and should be earnestly pursued by walking in obedience to God's Word. Sanctification may be both instantaneous and most certainly progressive.

Heb.12:14; 1Peter 1:15-16; 1Thess. 5:23-24; 1John 2:6; Rom.8:3-4.

7. THE CHURCH:

The Church is the Body of Christ, the dwelling place of God through the Holy Ghost, entrance into which is the workmanship of God. Christ alone is the recognized "Head of the Church". Every born-again believer is a member of the Church and should be loved and fellowshiped accordingly. While it is true that some have erred in matters of Doctrine, and laboring together with them may work a hardship, we do recognize that fellowship is based on our "Walking in the light as He is in the light". We believe that the Holy Ghost will never lead the Body of Christ to walk contrary one to another and it is enjoined upon all to "Strive to keep the unity of the Spirit until we all come to the Unity of the Faith."

8. THE MINISTRY:

We believe that God has called into the ministry men and women of diverse gifts and talents. Some pastors, some teachers, some evangelists, etc. All these are to work together for the edifying of the Body of Christ.

Eph. 4:11-13.

9. DIVINE HEALING:

We believe that God has made abundant provision for the healing of our natural bodies and that in the atonement of Christ and in His suffering where-in He bore our diseases, provision was made for our supernatural deliverance from the sickness of the body. We do not, however, condemn those who use medicine and submit to the treatment of Physicians. "Happy is he that is not condemned in that which he alloweth".

Rom. 14:22

10. THE BLESSED HOPE:

The resurrection of those who have fallen asleep in Christ and their translation, together with those who are alive and remain unto the coming of the LORD is imminent and is the Hope of the Church.

1Thess. 4:16-18; Rom. 8:23; 1 Cor. 15:51-52.

11. THE MILLENNIAL KINGDOM:

The revelation of the Lord Jesus Christ from Heaven, the re-establishment of the Throne of David in Jerusalem and the millennial reign of Christ on earth is the Biblical promise.

2 Thess.1:7; Rev.19:11-16; Rom.11:25-27; Rev.20:1-7.

12. ETERNAL PUNISHMENT FOR THE WICKED:

The Scriptures teach that the devil and his angels, the beast and the false prophet, and whosoever is not found written in the Book of Life, shall be consigned to everlasting punishment in the lake which burneth with Fire and Brimstone, which is the second death.

Rev. 19:20; Rev. 20:10-15.

13. THE NEW HEAVEN AND EARTH:

We, according to the promise, look for New Heavens and a New Earth wherein dwelleth righteousness.
2 Peter 3:13

14. HUMAN SEXUALITY:

a. As an ecclesiastical nonprofit corporation (religious organization) we are not required to provide and in order to live by and according to the Holy Scriptures, we specifically choose against the provision of services, accommodations, facilities, goods, or privileges to an individual if such request is in violation of the corporation's religious beliefs as duly set forth in the corporation's governing documents, policies, and the Holy Scriptures. However, any and all such decisions shall be carried out in a manner that would cause anyone seeking their salvation to believe that this organization does sponsor, support, and implement the Gospel of Jesus Christ as a means of being delivered from such abominable activities.

b. We believe that God has commanded that no intimate sexual activity be engaged in outside of a marriage between a man and a woman. We believe that any form of homosexuality, lesbianism, bisexuality, bestiality, incest, fornication, adultery, and pornography are sinful perversions of God's gift of sex. We believe that God disapproves of and forbids any attempt to alter one's gender by surgery or appearance.

Gen. 2:24; Gen. 19:5, 13; Gen. 26:8-9; Lev. 18:1-30; Rom. 1: 26-29; 1 Cor. 5:1; 6:9; 1 Thess. 4:1-8; Heb. 13:4

c. We believe that the only legitimate marriage is the joining of one man and one woman.

Gen. 2:24; Rom. 7:2; 1 Cor. 7:10; Eph. 5:22-23

15. GENDER IDENTITY:

We believe that God wonderfully and immutably creates each person as male or female. These two-distinct, complementary genders together reflect the image and nature of God and the rejection of one's biological gender is a rejection of the image of God within that person.

Gen. 1: 26-27

16. SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE:

We believe that human life begins at conception and that the unborn child is a living human being. Abortion constitutes the unjustified, unexcused taking of unborn human life. We seek to uphold and preserve the sanctity of all human life.

Job 3:16; Psalms 51:5; 139:14-16; Isaiah 44:24; 49:1-5; Jeremiah 1:5; 20:15-18; Luke 1:44

6.02 The Statement of Faith does not exhaust the extent of our faith. The Bible is the sole and final source of all that we believe. We do believe, however, that the foregoing Statement of Faith accurately represents the teaching of the Bible, and therefore, is binding upon all members of this Corporation.

6.03 The following are just some of the behaviors and lifestyles that violate the belief systems of the corporation:

1. UNACCEPTABLE BEHAVIORS AND LIFESTYLES:

a. Men and women who exchanged the natural use of their bodies (homosexuality, bisexuality, transgender, same sex marriages, etc.)

1. Therefore God also gave them up to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves . . . For even their women exchanged the natural use for what is against nature. Likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust for one another, men with men committing what is shameful.

Romans 1:24-32

2. Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites will inherit the kingdom of God.

1 Corinthians 6:9-10

2. WORKS OF THE FLESH:

Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication

Galatians 5:19-21

a. ADULTERY

You have heard that it was said to those of old, "You shall not commit adultery." But I say to you that whoever looks at a woman to lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

Matthew 5:27-28

Marriage is honorable among all, and the bed undefiled; but fornicators and adulterers God will judge.

Hebrews 13:4

b. FORNICATION

For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders

Mark 7:20-21

Now the body is not for sexual immorality but for the Lord

1 Corinthians 6:13-16

For this you know, that no fornicator, unclean person, nor covetous man who is an idolater, has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. **Ephesians 5:5**

c. SEXUAL IMMORALITY

As Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities around them in a similar manner to these, having given themselves over to sexual immorality and gone after strange flesh, are set forth as an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire.

Jude 7

d. WITCHCRAFT AND SORCERY

For rebellion is the sin of witchcraft

1 Samuel 15:23

Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery . . . sorcery, hatred, contentions

Galatians 5:19-21

3. MARRIAGE:

We believe that God has commanded that no intimate sexual activity be engaged in outside of marriage between a man and a woman. We believe that any form of homosexuality, lesbianism, bisexuality, bestiality, incest, fornication, adultery, and pornography are sinful perversions of God's plan.

We believe that the only legitimate marriage is the joining of one man and one woman. We believe that the term "marriage" has only one meaning and that marriage sanctioned by God joins one man and one woman in a single, exclusive union. The only marriage ceremonies conducted by

EWMI will be for One Man and One Woman as they were biologically designed at birth and as they are listed on their original birth certificate.

Gen. 2:24; Gen. 19:5, 13; Gen. 26:8-9; Lev. 18:1-30; Rom. 1:26-29, 7:2; I Cor. 5:1, 6:9, 7:10; Eph. 5:22-23; I Thess. 4:1-8; Heb. 13:4

Anyone involved in this corporation, directors, officers, or other private persons, found to be of the behaviors and lifestyles that violate the belief systems of the corporation, shall be removed from the corporation. A desire to continue and not repent for any perversions shall be expelled from the corporation.

4. BIBLICAL REPENTANCE:

True Biblical repentance is available to people who have committed sin. People who commit sin should repent quickly. True repentance is purging the sin out of your life because you abhor it (*truly detest and hate it*) and are totally committed to walk away from it and never do it again.

- a. God wants everyone to repent from sins (true Biblical repentance) there is no other alternative.

The Lord is not slack . . . not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.

2 Peter 3:9

I tell you, no; but unless you repent you will all likewise perish.

Luke 13:1-5

Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent.

Rev 2:5

- b. Let being sorry or sorrowful lead to true repentance.

Now I rejoice, not that you were made sorry, but that your sorrow led to repentance.

2 Corinthians 7:9-10

Or do you despise the riches of His goodness, forbearance, and longsuffering, not knowing that the goodness of God leads you to repentance?

Romans 2:4-6

Pursue peace with all people, and holiness.

Hebrews 12:14-17

- c. We should confess our sins and repent of them.

If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie.

1 John 1:6-9

- d. We should depart from iniquity and cleanse ourselves (turn from it).

Let everyone who names the name of Christ depart from iniquity.

2 Timothy 2:19-21

Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

2 Corinthians 7:1

- e. We should deny ungodly behavior and worldly lusts.

For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age.

Titus 2:11-12

- f. True repentance means we go and sin no more.

She said, "No one, Lord." And Jesus said to her, "neither do I condemn you; go and sin no more."

John 8:11