

DOCTRINAL STATEMENT OF CHRISTIAN UNION CHURCH (ADOPTED MAY 15, 1961)

- I. We believe in the verbal and plenary divine inspiration of the Scriptures; that they were originally written under the supernatural direction of the Holy Spirit - all parts of the scriptures equally, and even the choice of words, being so directed - so that the result is the real and true word of God, the only divinely-authorized, the only infallible written rule of faith and practice. We further believe that God has exercised such unique protection and attention through the ages in preserving the written Word, that the Scriptures as they are now constituted are in every basic detail as originally given and contain all things necessary for salvation.
- II. We believe in one God, revealed as eternally existing in three equal persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit
- III. We believe that man was originally created in the image of God, and that he sinned, and brought death through sin upon all men - spiritual as well as physical; and that there is only one way whereby any man may be restored and re-established in relationship and fellowship with God: - He must be born again by the Spirit of God.
- IV. IV. We believe in the deity of Jesus Christ, that He was conceived of the Holy Spirit in the virgin Mary, and is very God and very man. We believe that His death on the cross, the shedding of His precious blood, was substitutionary and representative, and sufficient atonement for the guilt of all men. We believe He was raised from the dead in bodily form, and ascended into Heaven, where He ever liveth to make intercession for us. We believe in the personal, bodily and pre-tribulational return of our Lord Jesus Christ for His Church; and, after the tribulation, His return with the company of redeemed to establish a world-wide kingdom of righteousness and peace.
- V. We believe that salvation is by, and only by, grace through faith, and that all who receive the Lord Jesus Christ by faith are born again by the Holy Spirit, and have eternal life from the very moment of this act, and thereby become the children of God.
- VI. We believe that the Church of Jesus Christ is composed, and solely composed, of all who have been born again by the Spirit of God; and that in a vital union, with Christ as the Head, the Church is the Body of Christ. We believe that the supreme responsibility and privilege of the Church is to glorify God on earth, to live soberly, righteously and godly in this present world, to be zealous of good works, to bear witness of saving grace and power of the Lord Jesus Christ and to make His Gospel known to all men.
- VII. We believe in the bodily resurrection of those who are born again and of those who are not born again; the everlasting conscious blessedness of those who are born again; and the everlasting conscious punishment of those who are not born again.