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## **INSTITUTE OF GRACE STATEMENT OF BELIEFS**

Institute of Grace subscribes to the following statement of faith:

We believe the Bible to be the verbally inspired, infallible and authoritative Word of God without error in the original writings. (II Timothy 3:16)

We believe in one God, Creator of all things, infinitely perfect and eternally existing in three Persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. (Isaiah 45:22, Romans 11:36)

We believe in the Deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth and in His sinless life. We believe that He died on the cross, taking in Himself all of our sins through His shed blood, and that He rose from the dead and ascended into heaven from whence He will return with power and glory. (John 10:3, I Timothy 2:5, 6, I Corinthians 15:3-4, Titus 2:13)

We believe that all men have sinned and come short of the Glory of God; and that for the salvation of lost and sinful man, regeneration by the Holy Spirit through faith in our Lord Jesus Christ is absolutely essential. (Romans 2:23, John 1:12, Titus 3:5)

We believe in the doctrine of justification by faith, realizing that it is impossible for man through works to save himself. (Romans 5:1, Ephesians 2:8-9)

We believe in life after death; that "There shall be resurrection of the dead, both of the just and the unjust." (Acts 24:15) We believe in the resurrection of the saved to everlasting life in heaven and the resurrection of the unsaved to eternal punishment. (I Thessalonians 4:16, 17, II Thessalonians 1:7-9)

We believe in prayer, and whatever the immediate purpose, prayer should be that God's Will be done on earth (Matthew 6:10; I John 5:14-15). We must forgive to be forgiven (Matthew 6:14). The Holy Spirit will help us to pray (Romans 8:26-27). If we ask in faith and in the Name of Jesus Christ, He will hear (John 15:16; James 1:6-7).

We believe that it is the responsibility of all believers in Christ to share the Good News of Jesus as Savior and Lord to all people of the world. We believe we should do this in deeds of love and in the proclamation of the Gospel. We are therefore concerned about all physical, social and spiritual needs of all people, and we will use every opportunity to communicate and express the love of God to a world in need. (Acts 1:8, I Peter 2:12)

We believe that the above are fundamentals held by our confessing reformed and evangelical theology. The following are essential to the Christian walk of faith, in which we all strive to our fullest to obey and practice daily:

- A caring, effective love relationship with Jesus Christ.
- A lifestyle dedicated to obeying God's will with joy, even through personal sacrifice.
- A lifestyle dedicated to serve our brothers and sisters with joy.
- A witness for Christ without hypocrisy.