



# DISCOVERED MINISTRIES

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## Discovered Ministries Belief Statement

### **Scripture**

We believe the sixty-six books of the Old and New Testament Scripture alone to be inspired in all its very words by God and inerrant in the text of the original manuscripts, and that they alone are of supreme and final authority in faith and life.

### **God**

We believe in one God who is Creator of heaven and earth, who is infinite Spirit, light, love, and truth; eternal, almighty, infallible in all things, including His omniscience and knowledge of all future events; that He is unchangeable, all wise, just, and holy; and that the triune God eternally exists in one essence and three Persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. God intervenes in the universe, and miracles—including predictive prophecy—are possible.

### **Creation**

We believe in the ex-nihilo special creation of the entire space-time universe, as described in the biblical creation record, and in the direct creation of many diverse biological categories. We also believe in the historicity of the biblical record, including the special creation of Adam and Eve as the literal progenitors of all people, the literal fall and resultant divine curse on the creation.

### **Jesus Christ**

**Incarnation:** We believe in Jesus Christ, the Second Person of the Trinity, the Eternal Word manifested in the flesh. We believe that He was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, lived a sinless life, and that He is fully God and fully man, having two distinct natures co-joined in one Person.

**Death:** We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ died as a representative and substitutionary sacrifice for the sin of humanity and thus offers salvation to all as a free gift based on grace alone. The representative and substitutionary work of Jesus Christ is effectual for all who receive Him as Savior.

**Resurrection:** We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ arose from the dead in the same physical body, though glorified, in which He had lived and died, and that His resurrection body is the pattern of that body which will be given to all believers at the return of Christ.

**Ascension:** We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ ascended into heaven in the same glorified physical body in which He arose, was seated at His Father's right hand, assuring us of the perfection of His work of redemption, and that He now, as Head over all things to the Church, is engaged on behalf of the saved as their only Advocate.

**Return:** We believe in the future, personal, literal, and bodily return of Jesus Christ for His redeemed ones.

### **Humanity**

We believe that humans were originally created in the image and likeness of God, and that humans fell through sin; as a consequence of sin, humanity became spiritually dead with a corrupt human nature that has been transmitted to the entire human race, the Man Jesus Christ alone being excepted; and hence, that every descendant of Adam is born into the world with a nature that is corrupt.

**Human Sexuality and Marriage:** According to the Bible, we view marriage as ordained by God from the creation of humanity, of one adult biologically born male and one adult biologically born female, and historically understood by the Church, to be the most basic societal institution and the exclusive institution appointed by God for sexual intimacy. We believe God has created each human as a unique individual, a biologically born male or female, just as he created Adam and Eve as male and female respectively.

**Sanctity of Human Life:** We believe that all human life is created by God in His image, including pre-born babies, the aged, the physically or mentally challenged, and every other stage or condition from conception through natural death. We are therefore called to defend, protect, and value all human life (Psalm 139).

### **Salvation**

We believe that only those who receive the Lord Jesus Christ as Savior by faith alone, apart from all good works, are justified before God, and have become children of God and, therefore, will inherit entrance to Heaven and eternal communion with God.

### **The Holy Spirit**

We believe that the Holy Spirit, being the Third Person of the Godhead, convicts men of sin, regenerates, indwells, baptizes, seals, and sets believers apart to a holy life; that He keeps and empowers believers day by day. We believe that He is the Teacher of the Word of God through which He guides us in our daily lives.

### **The Final State**

We believe in the eternal and everlasting blessedness of the saved, and the eternal conscious punishment of the lost.

### **Ordinances**

We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ instituted baptism and the Lord's Supper (neither necessary for justification), to be observed until He comes, and overseen by the local church.

### **The Church**

We believe that the universal Church of Jesus Christ is composed of those who have been redeemed and washed in His blood, regenerated and sealed by the Holy Spirit, and that they are saved to worship and to serve; that it is the responsibility and privilege of all who are saved to seek to win others to Christ, to the "uttermost part of the earth"; that they should seek to live a holy life, to separate themselves from and forsake all that might dishonor God, cast discredit on His cause, or weaken their testimony.

### **Satan**

We believe that there is a personal devil who can exert vast power but only as far as God permits him to do so; that he shall ultimately be cast into the lake of fire and brimstone and shall be tormented day and night forever. Other, both good and evil, supernatural beings exist.