

Joy El

STATEMENT OF FAITH

Joy El Ministries is committed to ministry across denominational lines. However, we believe the following faith statements are essential, non-negotiable truths and, as such, are the foundation for our ministry.

A. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament to be the eternal and verbally-inspired (God-breathed) Word of God, the final authority for faith and life, and without error in the original writings (Psalm 119:89, Matthew 5:18, John 16:12-13, II Timothy 3:16-17, II Peter 1:20-21).

B. We believe the Lord Jesus Christ was fully God and fully man. As man, He was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of a virgin; as God, He is co-equal and co-existent with God the Father and God the Holy Spirit (Matthew 1:1-2:13, John 1:1-11, John 14:16, Philippians 2:5-11, Colossians 1:15).

C. We believe all human beings are born with a sinful nature and commit sin by desire, by choice and by practice. Because of sin, each person stands guilty in and separated from the presence of a just and holy God, rightfully deserving everlasting punishment (Genesis 3:1-13, Matthew 25:46, Romans 3:10, 23 & 5:12-21, I Corinthians 15:21-22, II Thessalonians 1:7-10, Revelation 20:12-15).

D. We believe Jesus Christ had no sin and did not sin. According to the Scriptures He was crucified, was raised on the third day in the same body from the dead, and later returned to heaven. In this way, through the blood of His sacrifice the only acceptable payment for our sins has been offered. (Matthew 28, Luke 24:39-42, Acts 1:11, Romans 3:25-26, I Corinthians 15:3-4, II Corinthians 5:21, I Timothy 2:5-6, Hebrews 9:11-22, I Peter 1:18-25, I John 2:2 & 5:10-13).

E. We believe we become God's child by receiving Christ as our substitute and Savior by faith; this is a gift of God's love/grace. Repentance, forgiveness, and "new life in Christ" are several of the many experiences for God's child who is kept by God's power. We believe it is the privilege of God's child to rejoice in the assurance of eternal life, to live a godly life, to serve the Lord each day, and to live with Him in eternity (John 6:37-40, 10:27-30; Romans 3:22-24, Romans 3:28, Romans 8:1 & 38-39, II Corinthians 5:17; Ephesians 2:8-9, II Peter 3:11, I John 5:11-13).

F. We believe that God, the Holy Spirit, is a Person who convinces individual sinners of their guilt but who also, because of Christ's death, delights to bring sinners into right relationship with God at the moment of their belief. We also believe the Holy Spirit is God's seal/mark on the believer; He lives within the believer from the moment of conversion to reprimand sin, to give power to resist sin, to guide into truth, and to give power for service to those who are yielded to Him. (John 16:8-13, Romans 8:9, I Corinthians 6:19-20, Galatians 5:16, Ephesians 1:13-14 & 4:30 & 5:18, Titus 3:5).

G. We believe in the visible, personal, and imminent return of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ for His Church (John 14:3, Acts 1:9-11, I Thessalonians 4:13-18).

H. We believe in the bodily resurrection of the believer and the unbeliever, the everlasting bliss of God's children, and the everlasting punishment of those who reject God. (John 11:23-27, Romans 8:11, II Corinthians 5:1; I Thessalonians 4:13-18; II Thessalonians 1:8-10, Revelation 20:12-15).

I. We believe God wonderfully and immutably creates each person, male or female at conception, and that these two distinct genders together reflect the image and nature of God. Marriage, which involves one man and one woman coming together in a monogamous relationship is God's design. Pre-marital sex, adultery, and homosexuality are inconsistent with Biblical teachings (Genesis 1:27, Psalm 139:13-14, Genesis 2:24, Hebrews 13:4, I Corinthians 7:1-2, Leviticus 18:22).