

STATEMENT OF FAITH

CORNERSTONE HOMESCHOOL COVERING

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The Bible is the Word of God.

God's Word is the only completely reliable and truthful authority. We accept the Bible as our manual for living and basis for all we believe.

2 Timothy 3:16 (NLT); 1 Thessalonians 2:13 (NIV)

Jesus Christ is the Son of God.

Jesus Christ lived a sinless life on earth and voluntarily paid for our sin by dying on the cross as our substitute. This accomplished salvation for all who receive God's grace by trusting in Him alone. He rose from the dead and is the only mediator between God and us. He baptizes believers in the Holy Spirit and will return to earth to consummate history.

John 14:6 (NIV); Acts 4:11-12 (NLT)

You Must be Born Again.

God created humans to have fellowship with Him, but we defied God by sinfully going our own way. As a result, we need God's saving grace. Salvation comes only through God's grace—not human effort—and must be received personally by repentance and faith. At the end, everyone will experience bodily resurrection and the judgement. Only believers will enjoy eternal fellowship with God.

2 Corinthians 5:17 (LB); Matthew 16:25 (NLT)

We Believe in Baptism.

We believe that all of God's people are to be buried with our Lord Jesus Christ in the waters of baptism, subsequent to conversion.

Matthew 28:19 (NIV); Acts 2:38 (NKJV); Romans 6:4 (NKJV)

We Believe in the Holy Spirit.

We believe that the Holy Spirit dwells in all believers, conforming them to the image of Jesus Christ. We believe the only way possible to live the Christian life is by God's power within us. Every believer can be filled with the Holy Spirit by simply asking. We seek to practice a daily dependence on God's Spirit to enable us to do what is right.

1 Corinthians 12:13 (NKJV); Romans 8:16-17 (NKJV); Luke 11:13 (NIV)

The Holy Spirit sanctifies—sets us apart to fulfill God's purpose for our lives. He preserves and keeps us until the day that Christ returns. The Holy Spirit comes within you when you accept Christ into your heart. The scriptures identify Him as "the one called alongside to help provide comfort, revelation regarding the will of God and teaching".

We Believe the Baptism of the Holy Spirit is an Endowment of Power.

We believe that the baptism of the Holy Spirit is an endowment of power given by God to anoint the believer for sanctification and evangelism. It is our understanding that the supernatural power of the Holy Spirit is active within the Body of Christ until the coming of the Lord. We believe the Baptism of the Holy Spirit ought to be encouraged under the guidance of local church authorities.

Acts 8:14-17 (NKJV); Acts 19:1-2 (NKJV); 1 Corinthians 12:4-7 (NKJV)

The Baptism of the Holy Spirit is a Subsequent Experience to Salvation.

Evidence of the empowerment of the Holy Spirit is demonstrated by speaking in tongues and boldness as recorded in the book of Acts. The Holy Spirit within produces fruit for an internal work and the Holy Spirit upon us produces power for external work. The Baptism of the Holy Spirit is not a requirement of Salvation but we encourage you to ask Jesus to baptize you with the Holy Spirit.

We Believe God Hears & Responds To Our Prayers.

Prayer is direct communication with God. Our prayers may be filled with worship, praise, and even our requests of God. Throughout scripture God's people called out to God in prayer, and He answered their cries.

John 14:13-14 (NKJV); Philippians 4:6 (NLT); James 5:13-16 (NLT)