

STATEMENT OF FAITH

- The Bible alone is the inspired and infallible Word of God and constitutes completed and final revelation. The Bible is without error in whole or in part, including theological concepts as well as scientific and historical details. (II Tim 3:16; II Peter 1:20-21)
- God alone is self-existent and has existed from all eternity in three eternal persons: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. Jesus Christ is God, come in human flesh, being fully God and fully man except without sin. (Gen 1:1; John 1:1; John 10:30, 37-38)
- In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth, and everything that God created was good. Yet his perfect creation was marred by sin. Through Adam's sin, death and decay entered into this world. (Gen 1:1, 31; Gen 2:16-17; Gen 3:6-10,23; Rom 8:20-21; Rom 5:12)
- All men are in violation of God's righteous requirements and His Holy character, both by nature and by act, and are therefore under His wrath and just condemnation. Yet because of God's infinite love and mercy, He sent His Son to bear the penalty of our sins. The central purpose of the coming of Jesus Christ was to atone for sins through His substitutionary death on the cross- the successful accomplishment of which was attested to by His subsequent visible bodily resurrection. (Rom 3:19, Rom 5:6-8; Eph 2:1,4-5; II Cor 5:21; Rom 3:25-26; I Cor 15:3-6)
- Salvation is offered as a gift of God brought to man by grace and received by personal faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, whose substitutionary death on the cross paid the penalty for man's sin. (Rom 6:23; John 3:16; Eph 2:8; Rom 3:21-24; Rom 10:9)
- The ministry of the Holy Spirit is to convince men, indwell, guide, instruct, and empower the believer for godly living and service. (John 14:16-17, 26; Rom. 8:9-11; Gal. 3:3; Phil 2:13)
- We believe that children are given by God as a stewardship to the parent and that parents have the God-given authority and ability to teach and educate their own children or delegate that to others as the parents deem best. (Psalms 127:3, Eph 6:4, Deut 6:6-7, Prov 4:1, Prov 1:8, Prov 6:20-23, Gal 4:2)
- Regarding the education of our children, we hold that true education cannot take place unless the preeminence of God the Creator is recognized and all things are seen in subjection to the authority and power of the Lord Jesus Christ. (Exodus 20:11, Psalm 127:1, Heb 2:8, Prov 3:19-24, Heb 12:9, Psalm 119:97-104, Col 2:2-3, Psalm 111:10, Prov 1:7, Prov 9:10)
- We believe that God wonderfully and immutably creates a person exclusively male or female. These two distinct genders together reflect the image and nature of God. Rejection of one's biological gender and God-given identity is a rejection of the image of God within the person. (Genesis 1:26-27, Matthew 19:4)
- We hold as a belief and conviction that marriage is a God-ordained institution defined by God as one man and one woman, that when united in marriage, become one. (Gen 2:24, Mark 10:6-9, Eph 5:31-32)
We believe that this is God's perfect will and design for the family and provides the healthiest environment for bringing up children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. (Eph 6:4, Rom 1:26-27)

I affirm and ascribe to the above **Statement of Faith** as my personal beliefs in the signing of the **BSACHE General Release Form**.

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