Sammyism

Statement of Faith

THE ETERNAL GODHEAD

We believe that God is Triune: Father, Son and Holy Spirit (2 Cor. 13:14).

THE FALL OF MAN

We believe that man is created in the image of God but, by voluntary disobedience, fell from perfection—thereby imbuing humanity with sinfulness (Rom. 5:12).

THE GIFTS AND FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

We believe that the Holy Spirit has gifts to bestow upon Christians (1 Cor. 12:1-11) and that we should show spiritual fruit as evidence of a Spirit-filled life (Gal. 5:22-25).

REPENTANCE AND ACCEPTANCE

We believe that, upon sincere repentance and a wholehearted acceptance of Christ, we are justified before God (Rom. 10:8-10; 1 John 1:9).

THE PLAN OF REDEMPTION

We believe that, while we were sinners, Christ died for us—pardoning all who believe in Him (John 3:16; Rom. 5:8).

SALVATION THROUGH GRACE

We believe that we receive salvation when we come to God through faith in the atoning work of Jesus on the cross. Salvation is God's gift to us (Eph. 2:8).

CHURCH RELATIONSHIP

We believe that followers of Christ have a sacred duty to identify with the visible church of Jesus Christ and should meet regularly with fellow believers (Heb. 10:24, 25).

BAPTISM WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

We believe that baptism with the Holy Spirit empowers believers, and that the Holy Spirit's incoming follows the same pattern that is described in the New Testament (Acts 2:4).

WATER BAPTISM AND THE LORD'S SUPPER

We believe that baptism by immersion in water is an outward sign of an inward work (Matt. 28:19; Rom. 6:4). We believe in commemorating the Lord's Supper by the symbolic use of bread and fruit of the vine (1 Cor. 11:24, 25).

CIVIL GOVERNMENT

We believe that laws and ordinances come from God's ultimate authority and should be upheld, except when they are in opposition to the revealed will of God (Rom. 13:1-5).

DAILY CHRISTIAN LIFE

We believe that it is the will of God for believers to walk in progressive sanctification, growing continuously in the faith (Heb. 6:1).

HEAVEN

We believe that heaven is the glorious eternal home of born-again believers (John 14:1-3; Rev. 7:15-17).

HELL

We believe that hell is the place of eternal torment for all who reject Christ as Savior (Rev. 20:11-15).

THE HOLY SCRIPTURES

We believe that the Bible is God-inspired (2 Tim. 3:16, 17).

THE FINAL JUDGMENT

We believe every person will one day stand before the judgment seat of Christ to receive eternal life or death (Rev. 20:11-15; Heb. 9:27; 2 Cor. 5:10).

THE SECOND COMING OF CHRIST

We believe that the second coming of Christ is personal and imminent (1 Thess. 4:16, 17; Titus 2:11-13).

THE SPIRIT-FILLED LIFE

We believe that it is the will of God that we daily walk in the power of the Holy Spirit (Eph. 4:30-32).

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

We believe the method ordained by God for the support and spread of His cause is giving tithes and offerings (Mal. 3:10; 2 Cor. 9:7).

DIVINE HEALING

We believe that divine healing is the power of Christ to heal the sick in answer to prayer offered in faith (Jas. 5:14-16).

EVANGELISM

We believe that the church's primary responsibilities are taking the gospel to the entire world and making disciples (Mark 16:15; Matt. 28:19-20).

MODERATION

We believe that people who follow Christ should avoid the extremes of fanaticism and pursue lives of balance and moderation, demonstrating gentleness and patience (Phil.4:5, KJV; Col. 3:12, 13).

THE NEW BIRTH

We believe that a genuine change takes place in people who accept Christ as Savior; believers allow Christ's life to be lived through them (2 Cor. 5:17; Gal. 2:20).