

## **GO Christian Church Statement of Faith**

- We believe the Bible to be the inspired and only infallible, authoritative Word of God (2 Timothy 3:16, 17).
- We believe in the triune Godhead as eternally existent: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (2 Corinthians 13:14; Deuteronomy 6:1; Mark 12:29).
- We believe in the deity of Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious death and atonement through His shed blood, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and in His present priestly ministry (1 Timothy 3:16; Romans 3:25-26).
- We believe in evangelistic and missionary fervor and endeavor (Acts 1:8; Mark 16:15-18).
- We believe that for the salvation of lost and sinful man, regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential. We further believe in the keeping power of God (Hebrews 9:22; Jude 24, 25).
- We believe that sanctification, holiness, and the overcoming life is God's design for the church, which is the Bride of Christ (Ephesians 5:25-27).
- We believe that sexual purity is a necessary expression for all of God's children and requires abstinence from adultery, fornication, incest, homosexuality, or other sexual relationships or practices forbidden by Scripture (Hebrew 13:4, 1 Corinthians 6:18; Leviticus 18:1-30).
- We believe that marriage is the uniting of one man and one woman in covenant commitment for a lifetime and a sacred institution established by God (Matthew 19:4-6).
- We believe that since mankind is created in God's image, human life is of inestimable worth and significance in all its dimensions, from conception to the grave (Genesis 1:27; Psalm 139:13-14).
- We believe that baptism is for believers in the Lord Jesus Christ and is to be administered by immersion, thus bearing witness to the gospel of Christ's death, burial and resurrection for us, and our own new life in Him (Matthew 28:19; Romans 6:4).
- We believe that communion, when shared by believers, witnesses to the saving power of the gospel, to Christ's presence in His church, and looks forward to His victorious return (1 Corinthians 11:23-26).

- We believe in the baptism in the Holy Spirit as on the day of Pentecost and on the continuing ministry of the Holy Spirit as evidenced in charismatic gifts and ministries, and in the fruit of the Holy Spirit in the life of the believer (Acts 2:4; Acts 10:46; Acts 19:6; Ephesians 4:11; 1 Corinthians 12:8-11; Galatians 5:22,23).
- We believe that divine healing is obtained on the basis of the Atonement (1 Peter 2:24; Matthew 8:17).
- We believe in Christ's imminent personal return in power and great glory, and in His presence and everlasting dominion (Acts 1:8; Revelation 1:7; Daniel 7:14).
- We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost: they that are saved unto the resurrection of eternal life, and they that are lost unto the resurrection of eternal punishment (John 5:28, 29; Revelation 20:15).