

## **SFCA Statement of Faith**

1. **Truth** We acknowledge Jesus Christ as the foundation for all truth. When this foundational concept is realized, we can begin to teach in line with God's truth. God's Word and therefore truth has not changed since the beginning of time. (**John 14:6**)
2. **The Bible** We believe that the Bible (both Old and New Testament) though written by men, was supernaturally inspired by God so that all its works are the written true revelation of God and is the source of all truth, is infallible, complete from beginning to end, to be interpreted as truth and historically accurate and not to be added to or taken away from. (**2 Timothy 3:16 & 17; Revelation 22:18-19**)
3. **God the Trinity** We believe that God is the Creator of all things, living and non living. We believe in one God, eternally existing in three Persons, God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. (**Genesis 1:1; John 1:3; John 14:26; Matthew 28:19**)
4. **Jesus Christ** We believe that Jesus Christ is the eternal Son of God; that He became man through the virgin birth and that in taking on flesh He never ceased to be God. We believe He offered Himself up as a payment for the world's sin; and that all who trust in Him will know forgiveness of sin and eternal life. (**John 3:16-17; 1 John 2:2; 1 Timothy 2:3-4; 1 Peter 2:22-24; 1 Corinthians 15:3-5; Acts 1:9-12**) We believe that Jesus Christ currently sits at the Right Hand of God the Father. (**Acts 2:33-35**) We believe that Jesus Christ is the only intercessor to the Father and all judgment has been given to him. (**John 14:6**)
5. **The Holy Spirit** We believe that God the Holy Spirit indwells every true believer in Jesus Christ. He gives us understanding, guidance and convicts the world of sin. The Holy Spirit also seals believers, is an assurance of our salvation and enables us to live a godly life. As believers, we are commanded not to grieve and not to quench the Holy Spirit. (**John 16:7-14; Ephesians 1:13-14; 2 Corinthians 1:22; Galatians 5:22-23; Ephesians 4:30; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-22**)
6. **Mankind** We believe that all things were created by God. We believe man was originally created in the image and likeness of God. Human beings were directly created, not evolved, in the very image of God. As reasoning moral agents, they are responsible under God for understanding and governing themselves and the world. (**Genesis 2:7; Genesis 1:26-27**)
7. **Salvation and Forgiveness of Sins** We believe man fell through willful disobedience, incurring both physical and spiritual death; all people are sinners from conception, are separated from the life of God and that man is deserving of an eternal life of punishment. We believe that salvation has been provided through Jesus Christ for all people, and those who repent and believe in Him are born again of the Holy Spirit. Jesus died to pay the penalty for all of our sins. When we place our faith in Jesus Christ for salvation, ALL of our sins are forgiven. That includes past, present, and future, big or small. In receiving the gift of eternal life, we become children of God. We believe that we are saved only by God's grace and that we cannot perform any works or deeds to earn salvation. It is a free gift from God. We believe salvation does not require a confession of every sin committed during this life. Believers do not have to

keep asking for forgiveness or repenting in order to have assurance of their salvation. However, we are admonished to “confess” our sins to God each time we are aware we have done something that is not pleasing to Him in order to restore our relationship with Him.

**(Romans 3:22-26; Romans 6:23; Romans 10:9-10; Ephesians 2:8-9; Colossians 1:13-14; Acts 10:43)**

8. **Only One Way to Heaven** We believe that Jesus is the only way to heaven. **(John 14:6; Acts 4:12)**

9. **Resurrection of the Body** We believe that there will be not one resurrection, but three distinct types of resurrections, one to eternal life in heaven, one to eternal damnation and one to take place during the “rapture,” without having to die! Christians who are alive, and those who have already died, will be caught up to meet the Lord in the air and be with Him always! Christ was resurrected on the third day and rose and now sits on the right hand of the Father. He is the first fruit of the resurrection, demonstrating that we will rise bodily from the dead. The first great resurrection of the Church will occur at the time of the rapture. All those who have placed their trust in Jesus Christ and have died before Jesus returns, will be resurrected at the rapture. The Church Age began on the Day of Pentecost and will end when Christ returns to take believers back to heaven with Him. The Apostle Paul explained that not all Christians will die, but all will be changed, i.e., given resurrection-type bodies. **(Daniel 12:2; John 5:28-29; John 14:1-3; 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17; 1 Corinthians 15:50-58; Acts 10:39-40)**

10. **Personal Sanctification** (Becoming Holy) We believe that believers are justified or declared “holy” or “set apart” at the moment a person makes a contrite profession of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. From that moment on we are to become more like Christ daily and dedicate our lives to the Lord’s will. Sanctification is the process of becoming more holy throughout the life of the believer until death, or until Christ comes, at which time believers will complete the sanctification process and will be totally “holy” as we see Jesus Christ face to face. **(Romans 12:1; 1 Peter 1:13-16; 1 Thessalonians 5:23; Colossians 3:8-10)**

11. **Christ’s Church** We believe that the Church, which is the body and the espoused bride of Christ, is a spiritual living entity made up of all true believers. **(Ephesians 1:22-23; Ephesians 5:25-27; 1 Corinthians 12:12-14; Acts 14:27; Acts 20:28-32; 1 Timothy 3:1-13)**

12. **Great Commission** We believe that our mission is to go to all the ends of the world to preach the gospel, leading people to receive and follow Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. **(Matthew 28:18-20)**

13. **Heaven and Hell** We believe in a literal Heaven and a literal Hell. Heaven is the glorious home in which all of Christ's saints (true believers) will abide in the presence of God eternally. Hell is a place of great physical, mental, and emotional pain, and is the eternal residence of all who reject the authority of God and His Savior, Jesus Christ. Those who spend eternity there will be eternally separated from God with no alternative. **(Revelation 4:1-11; Revelation 20:14-15; Matthew 7:21-23; Matthew 25:41)**

14. **Spiritual Gifts** We believe that as followers in Christ, we are given spiritual gifts from God. God gives each believer different spiritual gifts according to His will, but for the common purpose of serving one Lord since, as believers in Christ, we are all one Body. **(1 Corinthians 12:4-11)**

15. **Angels and Demon** We believe that Angels are created beings sent forth by God to minister to the saints (true believers). **(Luke 4:10)** We believe that Satan was a created angel who sinned, was judged and took many angels with him. **(Isaiah 14:12-15)** The fallen angels are now in active opposition to God and His work in this world. Satan is the great enticer and deceiver, the accuser of the brethren, whose end, along with the other fallen angels, is the lake of fire. **(2 Peter 2:4; Revelation 20:7-10)**

16. **Marriage** We believe marriage is between a man and a woman. **(Genesis 2:24; Ephesians 5:31; Romans 1:24-32)**

17. **Second Coming** We believe the Second Coming of the Lord Jesus Christ will be personal and visible. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. This is the believer's blessed hope and is a vital truth, which is an incentive to holy living and faithful service. **(Romans 14:10-12; Matthew 24:27-31; Matthew 24:36-44)**

*My signature below indicates that I have read and understand SFCA's Statement of Faith. Furthermore, my signature represents my belief and support of SFCA's Statement of Faith.*

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*Employee Signature*

*Date*

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*Administrator Signature (witness of signature)*

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