**Statement of Faith**

**We affirm the Nicene Creed of 381 A.D.**

**We Believe that:**

* The Bible is the inspired and infallible Word of God and constitutes His completed
and final revelation to man. The Bible, in its original autograph, is without error in
whole and in part, including theological concepts as well as geographical and historical
detail.
* God has always existed, though we have not. Consequently, God created everything (Genesis 1-3) but was not Himself created. At the center of the universe as we know it is the perfect relationship between God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. God the Son, Jesus Christ, came to earth, took on human flesh, and lived a sinless life to atone for the sin of the world. God the Holy Spirit has come to be our comforter (John 14:15-17), to convict of sin and righteousness and judgement (John 16:8-11), and to give us the ability to live in supernatural and counter-cultural ways.
* Sin is a Greek archery term that basically means to miss the mark or to fall short. Romans 6:23 says that everyone has sinned or failed to meet God’s perfect standard. As a result of that failure, we are separated from God and fellowship with God has been broken. The ultimate consequence of our failure to meet God’s perfect standard is eternal separation from God also known as death (Romans 6:23).
* The central purpose of the incarnation of Jesus Christ was to restore the possibility of relationship with God, giving us the opportunity and privilege to be part of the most just, perfect, righteous, loving relationship ever imagined. The death of Jesus Christ in our place is God's only provision for man's sin: "He (Jesus Christ) was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our
justification" (Romans 4:25).
* Salvation is the opportunity to accept the invitation to be adopted into God’s family (Ephesians 2:11-19). It is not enough just to be intellectually aware of this reality. Each person much individually make a decisions about whether to embrace the opportunity of adoption or not: "But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name" (John 1:12).
* Nothing about our relationship with God through Jesus can be accomplished apart from embracing the invitation to adoption. We cannot, in our own strength, do anything to qualify for or maintain our salvation (Ephesians 2:8,9).