

Doctrinal Statement of missionary Daniel Max Harmon and churches he has planted.

Eight point summarized Statement of Faith

What We (my wife and I) Believe - 8 Articles of Faith

Firmness in faith, following the fundamental truths listed below, is a requirement for all members in the local churches we plant.

What We Believe - 8 Articles of Faith

Article 1: The Holy Scriptures / The Holy Bible

Article 2: God The Trinity

Article 3: Angels, Good and Evil

Article 4: Creation

Article 5: Man - All Human Race

Article 6: The Local Church

Article 7: Future Events

Article 8: The Civil Government

Article 1: The Holy Scriptures / The Holy Bible

We believe that the sixty-six books of the Old and New Testaments, which is the complete Bible, with its original writing were plenary and dynamically inspired by God verbally throughout. We believe that God, who is the truth, communicates through the Spirit, controlled men in a supernatural way so that the infallible Scriptures are without error and therefore have authority in all that they teach and all matters. At present the divine confirmation of the message of the writers, with miraculous signs (miracles, healing, tongues, and interpretation of tongues) are no longer necessary and have ceased, because the sacred scriptures are complete. We believe that the Bible is the supreme revelation of God's will for men and constitutes the only infallible guide for faith, conduct, and life.

Psalm 19: 7-11; Proverbs 30: 5-6; Matthew 5:18; John 10: 34-35; Romans 15: 4;
2 Timothy 3: 16-17; 2 Peter 1: 19-21; Revelation 22: 18-19

For us as Christians and Baptists, as members of a local Church, the ONLY book of faith and practice of Divine authority is the Sacred Scripture.

Article 2: God The Trinity

We believe that there is one and only true and living God, while there is an invisible unity in divinity, He exists in three distinct persons — God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit — equal in each divine attribute and the execution thereof, distinct but harmonious in the work of creation and redemption.

Matthew 3: 16-17; 28:19; John 6:27; Acts 5: 3-4; II Corinthians 13:14; Hebrews 1: 8

I. God the Father

We believe that God the Father is an infinite, eternal, wise, almighty, holy, just, loving, good, omniscient spirit, and the Supreme Creator and Ruler of heaven and earth.

Genesis 1: 1; Psalm 139: 7-10; Isaiah 46: 9; Romans 11:33; Ephesians 4: 6;

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I Timothy 1:17; Revelation 19: 6

II. God the Son, The Lord Jesus Christ

We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ, the eternal Son of God, was conceived by the Holy Spirit and was born of the Virgin Mary as no other man was or could be born of a woman. He is God manifest in the flesh. He lived a sinless life and with his death made a substitute atonement for our sins, dying not as a martyr, but as a willing substitute, he did so in the sinner's place. He rose again on the third day and ascended to heaven where he is now seated at the right hand of the Father as our Great Priest, interceding and preparing a place for us. He will appear in the air at the rapture of his saints and after seven years he will return with his saints to install the throne of David and establish his reign for a millennium.

Isaiah 7:14; Matthew 1: 18-25; 28: 6; John 1: 1; 14: 3; 20: 27-28; Acts 15:16;
I Corinthians 15: 4; I Thessalonians 4:16; Hebrews 7:25; 8: 6; 12: 2;
I of Peter 2:22; 3:18; I of John 2: 1; Revelation 3:21

III. God the Holy Spirit

We believe that the Holy Spirit is a divine person possessing all the attributes of Deity and is equal to God the Father and God the Son. We believe that: He was involved with creation and it is He who represses evil; He convicts us of sin, of justice, and of righteousness; He witnesses the truth of the gospel through preaching and testimony; He is manifested today through the written word of God, subjecting himself to glorify and magnify the person and work of the living Word of God, the Lord Jesus Christ, to call unbelievers to repentance and edification, exhortation and consolation of the members of the local assemblies. He is the agent of the new spiritual birth; He seals, endows, guides, teaches, testifies, sanctifies, comforts, helps, and distributes spiritual gifts to all believers, and that apostolic gifts such as tongues and healing people were only during the first century and ceased when the New Testament was completed.

Genesis 1: 1-3; Matthew 28:19; John 7:39; 14: 16-17,26; 16: 8-11; Romans 12: 3-8; I Corinthians 12: 8-13, 28-31; 13: 8-12; Ephesians 1: 13-14; II of Tes. 2: 6-8, 13
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THE GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

- A. The sign gifts - (I Cor. 12) They have NOW ceased!
 - 1. miracles
 - 3. tongues
 - 2. healing
 - 4. the interpretation of languages
- B. The gifts - still in effect: (Rom. 12; I Cor. 12)
 - 1. of prophecy (preaching)
 - 2. of service (helps)
 - 3. of teaching (teacher)
 - 4. of exhortation (correction)
 - 5. of liberality (to distribute)
 - 6. of the administration (preside)
 - 7. of mercy
 - 8. of the word of wisdom
 - 9. of the word of science
 - 10. of faith
 - 11. of discernment

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C. The gifts serve for the edification, exhortation, and consolation of the assembly, the local church. I Cor. 14: 3-5

D. No sign gift is eternal. When it fulfills its purpose, it ceases to be exercised. I Cor.13: 8

E. The sign gifts have already served their purposes in the church today.

The purposes were:

1. announce new revelation Acts. 2:11; Isaiah 28:11

2. authenticate the message of God (Jesus Christ, the apostles and the prophets) Acts 2:16

3. authenticate the messenger sent by God John 11: 41,42; 20: 30,31; Hc. 2:22

4. declare that God is still working through Israel I Cor. 1:22

F. Therefore, the Holy Spirit does not distribute the sign gifts today, and no

The believer must ask for them, neither desire them nor say that he has them.

G. Now, the Holy Spirit does distribute the existing gifts to satisfy the needs of the body, spirit and soul of the members of the assembly

local and in this way He edifies, exhorts and consoles the church that is the people with whom God is working today.

H. The believer should exercise his gift according to the rules and biblical teachings. But, that having a spiritual gift does not mean that one is spiritual.

(Note): Currently, there are churches that wrongly teach that the sign-gifts have not ceased and the believer must ask for them from God. They also teach that the evidences of spirituality are the manifestations (without biblical basis) of the Holy Spirit, which are:

1. the falsely called laying on of hands to:

a. the new anointing of the Spirit (falls and / or fainting spells, dances, etc.)

b. the healings

2. the Second Blessing, that is, as they say, the Baptism of the Holy Spirit which is confirmed by speaking in tongues

3. dreams, visions, ecstasies, new revelations and special prophecies, etc.

Article 3: Angels, Good and Evil

We believe in the existence of angels who were created by God to give honor and glory to his name and to serve him. Angels, who have chosen to follow God, are ministers for God and for those who have received the Lord Jesus Christ as their personal Savior. There were some among the host of angels who fell with Satan; currently they are working in Satan's false system as principalities of darkness, who can be resisted by the believer through the armor provided by God. We believe that Satan, "the god of this age" and "the prince of the power of the air," once knew heavenly honors. Because of his pride and ambition to be over almighty God, he fell and currently has the power of all evil. Satan is destined for a final defeat at the hands of the Son of God and a judgment from an eternal hell (a place prepared for him and his fallen angels or demons).

Isaiah 6; 14: 12-15; Matthew 17:18; Ephesians 2: 2; 6: 11-13; Colossians 1:16; I Timothy 4: 1-2; I of Peter 1:12; 5: 8; James 6; Revelation 19: 16-20; 20:10

Article 4: Creation

We believe in the creation account according to Genesis and that it should be accepted literally, not figuratively or allegorically. We believe that man was created directly in the image of God and that creation was not a matter of evolution or change from one species to another for indeterminate periods of time from smaller to larger forms. We also believe that all animal and plant life was created directly by God and that God's established law was that they bear fruit "after their kind."

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¹Genesis 1: 1, 24; John 13; Hebrews 11: 3; Revelation 10: 6

Article 5: Man - All Human Race

We believe that the Scriptures teach that man was created by a direct act of God and not from a previously existing way of life; We believe that all men descend from the historical lineage of Adam and Eve, the first parents of the human race. By a willful transgression man fell from his perfect state; consequently all men are sinners by nature and by choice.

Therefore, man is under just condemnation for eternal judgment and under separation from God in a place called hell without any defense or excuse.

Genesis 1:27; 3: 6, 24; Isaiah 53: 6; Romans 1:32; 3: 10-23; 5: 12-19

A. Sanctity of Human Life:

We believe that all human life is sacred from fertilization to the natural death of the person, and that humans were created in the image of God, and thus, the weak, vulnerable, sick, disabled, pre-born (fetuses), and those in need deserve our respect, care, help, and protection.

Genesis 1:26; 9: 6; Psalm 51: 5; 82: 3-4; 139: 13-16; Jeremiah 1: 5; Luke 1:41

B. Marriage and Home:

We believe that the home was the first institution God provided for man, that the only legitimate marriage is a sacred relationship between a man and a woman for life, and that homosexuality is a perversion of God's natural order of a man and woman. We believe that any sexual activity outside of marriage is a sin.

Genesis 2: 18-24; Deuteronomy 23: 17-18; Mark 10: 9; Romans 1: 18-27; I Corinthians 6: 9-11; Ephesians 5: 22-23; Jude 7

C. Salvation:

We believe that the Scriptures teach that Christ died for the whole world and that the salvation of sinners is divinely initiated through grace and accomplished only through the work of the Son of God as mediator. This salvation is solely by grace through the redemptive work of the Son of God, Jesus Christ. The way of salvation is totally apart from our works; it is by our faith in the Lord Jesus Christ with genuine repentance. To be saved, one has to be born again and personally receive Christ as Savior by being regenerated by the power of the Holy Spirit through faith in the Word of God and receiving a new nature. It is a great blessing that Christ assures those who believe in Him, it is justification (a judicial act of God accompanied by the forgiveness of sin and the imputation of divine justice not by some work of justice on our part but by faith in the blood of the Redeemer). We believe that the believer is one who has exercised personal faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, being completely justified. Then the believer has the possession of an eternal life which is eternally secure.

Habakkuk 2: 4; John 1: 1-12; 3: 3-17; 10: 28-29; Acts 13:39; Romans 2: 4; II Corinthians 7: 9-10; Ephesians 2: 8-10; I Timothy 2: 5-6; Hebrews 4: 2; I of Peter 1: 18-23; II of Peter 1: 4; 2: 1; I John 5: 11-13

Article 6: The Local Church:

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We believe that the Scriptures teach that the local church is a visible congregation of baptized believers. They are united as associates by a covenant of faith and gospel fellowship observing the ordinances of Christ, the founder of the Church. They are governed by the scriptures and their legal constitution; they practice the gifts, rights, and privileges invested in them through the Word. We believe that the Church has absolute autonomy. In other words, the local church is free from hierarchies of individuals, and organizations. Although we believe that it is Biblical to have cooperation with other churches of the same beliefs and practices for the advancement of the Gospel and the defense of the faith. We believe that the local church has the final say in all matters of membership, constitution, discipline, benevolence, and the measure and methods of operations.

Its biblical officers are pastors (sometimes referred to as bishops or elders), and deacons whose qualifications and duties are defined in the epistles of Timothy and Titus.

Acts 2: 41-47; I Corinthians 11: 2; Ephesians 5: 23-24; Acts 15: 13-18

a. The characteristics of a local church:

This definition of the local church guides us to these distinctive Biblical teachings

(characteristic of **BAPTISTS**

= in Spanish **BAUTISTAS**):

B Bible, the Holy Scriptures, only basis of faith and final authority 2 Tim 3: 16-17

A Autonomy of the Local Church Matthew 18: 15-17 | Tim. 3:15

Priesthood of the believer (saved by grace) | Peter 2: 5-9 Rev 1: 5-6 Heb 4:16

Única intercessor is Christ & every believer is ones own priest who can go directly to God in prayer.

T ratar dos:

Two: (just 2)

1. ordinances (únicos): Baptism and the Lord's Supper.

Acts 2: 41-42 | Corinthians 11: 23-32

2. offices (únicos): Pastor and Deacons (servants) | Tim 3: 1-13 Phil 1: 1

I Individual Soul Liberty Rom 14: 5-12 (Total personal responsibility)
freedom of conscience | John 2:27 (Total personal responsibility)

S Saved (born again) & baptized church members Acts 2:41, 47 John 3

T Total depravity of mankind - Romans 3:10,23 ; 6:23 : 14:5-12
(Total personal responsibility)

A ccepts two offices: Pastor and Deacons (servants) | Tim 3: 1-13 Phil 1: 1

S Separation of church and state Matthew 22: 15-22 Rom. 13: 1-7

b. The Mission:

We believe that the true mission of the church is the Great Commission:

first: to make individual disciples;

second: to grow the church;

third: reach and instruct as He commands though-out the whole world.

Matthew 28: 19-20; Acts 1: 8

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We believe in the need for a deep and true evangelization of Peru & the world, which will bring several consequences. These are:
the recovery of moral and civic values;
stop hatred, violence, and corruption;
will bring true peace to the heart;
respect for life;
the general welfare, and the Salvation of millions of people around the world.

c. The Ordinances:

We believe that Christian baptism is immersing the believer in water in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Baptism is performed under the authority of the local church to demonstrate our faith in the crucified, buried, and risen Savior. Baptism is a picture of our death to sin and resurrection to new life. It is a prerequisite for the privileges of a church membership.

The Lord's Supper commemorates the death of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. The bread represents his body that was broken for us and the fruit of the vine symbolizes his blood that was shed for us. Before participating in these elements, each person must self-examine, "For he who eats and drinks unworthily, without discerning the Lord's body, eats and drinks judgment to himself. For this reason many are sick and weak among you, and many sleep." I Corinthians 11:29 and 30

We believe that the ordinances of baptism and the Lord's Supper should be conducted under the authority of the local church.

Matthew 3:16; 28: 19-20; John 3:23; Rom 6: 3-5; Col 2:12; I Corinthians 11: 23-28

d. Financial Base:

We believe that God's method of financing his earthly work to spread the gospel to all nations, to care for the churches, and to sustain the ministry is through the tithes and offerings of its members. We believe that every person is accountable to God for a tenth of their salary. Tithing was practiced long before the law and was practiced by the early church. We believe that God is pleased with the obedient believer who tithes and that tithing is a reminder to the believer that God is the true owner of all that we possess.

Malachi 3:10; I Corinthians 12:13, 27 and 16: 2; II Corinthians 9: 7,
Ephesians 1: 22-23; 4:12; Hebrews 12:23

Article 7: Future Events

a. The Rapture of the Church:

We believe in the coming of Christ, his personal appearance, imminent, PRE-tribulation, and pre-millennium of the Lord Jesus Christ to rapture his redeemed.

I Corinthians 15: 51-52; I of Tes. 4: 13-18; II of Tes. 2: 1-2; Titus 2:13; I John 3: 2

b. The Final Judgment of Christ:

We believe that every believing person (saved) during the era of "Grace" or "The Church Age" will appear before the Judgment Seat to be judged by the Lord for their service and to receive rewards according to their works. .

Matthew 6: 2; Romans 14:10; I Corinthians 3: 11-15; II Corinthians 5:10

c. The Millennium Reign:

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We believe that Christ will come to earth, with his saints, after the seven years of tribulation to establish his millennial reign which will literally be on earth and ruled by Christ from the throne of David.

Isaiah 9: 6-7; Luke 1:32; Acts 2: 29-30; II Thessalonians 1: 6-12;
Revelation 20: 1-6, 12-14

d. The Eternal State:

We believe in the bodily resurrection of all men, those saved to eternal life and the unbelievers to judgment and eternal punishment in the lake of fire. The souls of the redeemed are, at death, absent from the body and present with the Lord where they consciously await the first resurrection when the spirit, soul, and new body will be reunited to always glorify the Lord. The souls of unbelievers after death remain in a state of conscious misery until the second resurrection when spirit, soul, and body will be gathered to appear before the Great White Throne of judgment and will be cast into the Lake of Fire, not to be annihilated, but to suffer eternal and conscious punishment.

Matthew 25:46; Luke 16: 19-26; John 5: 28-29; II Corinthians 5: 8-10; Philippians 1:23

Article 8: The Civil Government

We believe that civil government is of divine appointment for the interests and good order for human society; government officials should be put in our prayers, consciously honored and obeyed. With the exception of things that oppose the Lord Jesus Christ, who is the only Lord of conscience and will come as the Prince of the kings of the earth.

Matthew 10:28; 23:10; Acts 5:29; 23: 5; Romans 13: 7; Philippians 2: 10-11; Titus 3: 1