

Silverdale Church – Statement of Faith

1. CANON OF SCRIPTURE: We believe in the plenary-verbal inspiration of the accepted canon of Scriptures as originally given. The Scriptures are infallible, inerrant and the sole and final authority for all matters of faith and conduct (II Timothy 3:16).
2. THE GODHEAD: We believe in the Eternal Godhead who has revealed Himself as One God existing in Three Persons – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, distinguishable but indivisible (Matthew 28:19, II Corinthians 13:13).
3. We believe in the creation, test and fall of man as recorded in Genesis; his total spiritual depravity and inability to attain to divine righteousness (Romans 5:12, 18), apart from the born-again experience, repentance, and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.
4. We believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, the savior of men, conceived of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, very God and very Man (Luke 1:26-35; John 1:14-18; Isaiah 7:14; 9:6).
5. We believe Christ died for our sins, was buried, and rose again on the third day, and personally appeared to His disciples (I Corinthians 15:1-4; Romans 4:25).
6. We believe in the bodily ascension of Jesus Christ to heaven, His exaltation and personal, literal and bodily coming again the second time for His church (John 14:2-3; I Thessalonians 4:13-18).
7. We believe in the salvation of sinners by grace, through repentance and faith in the perfect and sufficient work of the cross of Calvary by which we obtain remission of sins (Ephesians 2:8, 9; Hebrews 9:12-22; Romans 5:11).
8. We believe in the necessity of water baptism by full immersion in the Name of the Eternal Godhead in order to fulfill the command of the Lord Jesus Christ (Matthew 28:19; Acts 2:34-36; 19:1-6).
9. We believe in the baptism of the Holy Spirit as a genuine experience at or after salvation (Acts 2:1-4; 8:14-17; 10:44-46; Galatians 3:14-15).
10. We believe in the operation of the Gifts of the Spirit described in 1 Corinthians 12-14.
11. We believe in the Spirit-filled life – a life of separation from the spirit of the world, but being salt and light to the world, and perfecting of holiness in the fear of God as expressing the true Christian faith (Ephesians 5:18; II Corinthians 6:14; 7:1).
12. We believe in the healing of the body by Divine power, or Divine healing in its varied aspects as practiced in the Early Church (Acts 4:30; Romans 8:11; I Corinthians 12:9; James 5:14).
13. We believe in the fruit of the Holy Spirit, such as love, joy, peace, patience, gentleness, goodness, faithfulness, meekness, and self-control. These are characteristics of the life of the true believer and the true ministry of the Church. Such fruit is the natural result of the life of the spirit of the believer (Gal 5:22-26, Col 3:12).
14. We believe in the table of the Lord, commonly called the Communion or the Lord's Supper, for believers (I Corinthians 11:28-32; Matthew 26:26-28).
15. We believe in prayer. Prayer is communion with God by which the believer can offer supplication, intercession, and thanksgiving. It is the right and privilege of every believer to speak the word of faith, to pray with authority and so release the transforming power of God. Through prayer, the believer can communicate with God and receive comfort, guidance, peace, encouragement, direction, and edification (Jeremiah 33:3, Mathew 7:7-8).
16. We believe in the existence and the personality of the devil and demonic powers (his angels) and eternal judgment in the Lake of Fire for the devil and his angels (Matthew 25:41; Revelation 20:10-15).
17. We believe in the eternal life for believers (John 5:24; 3:16), and eternal punishment for the unbelievers (Mark 9:43-48; II Thessalonians 1:8; Revelation 20:10-15).
18. We believe that there is one true universal Church, made up of genuine believers, but this one universal church is also composed of many local churches in given localities. (Acts 15:22, Matthew 16:18; 18:15-20).
19. We believe in the importance of adhering to biblical principles and will not accept for training, as Participants, as leaders at all levels, as staff, as ministers, or induct anyone involved in a sexual relationship outside a legally constituted and faithful marriage between a man and a woman. (Mathew 19:4-5, 1 Corinthians 6:9-20, 1 Tim 3:1-10)
20. We believe in the current operation of the fivefold ministries for the equipping and maturity of the saints given by Christ on his ascension (Eph 4:11-13).
21. We believe in Apostles and Prophets as the foundation ministries of the Church with Christ as the cornerstone as described in Ephesians 2:20.