

DOTRINAL STATEMENT

SOUTHERN HIGHLAND EVANGEL & CAMP EVANGEL

I. Holy Scriptures

We believe the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New testament to be verbally inspired Word of God, the final authority for faith and life and inerrant in the original writing (II Tim. 3:16-17; II Pet.1:20-21; Matt. 5:18).

II. God Head

We believe in one triune God, eternally existing in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, each co-eternal in being, co-identical in nature, co-equal in power and glory and having the same attributes and perfections (Deut. 6:4; Matt. 28:19; I Cor. 8:6).

III. Person and Work of Christ

We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ, the eternal Son of God, became man without ceasing to be God, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary, to reveal God and to redeem sinful men (John 1:1-2, 14; Luke 1:35).

We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ ascended into heaven and is now seated at the right hand of God, as our High Priest, fulfilling the ministry of Representative, Intercessor, and Advocate (Acts 1:9; Heb. 7:25; Heb. 9:24; Rom. 8:34; I John 2:1-2).

IV. Person and Work of the Holy Spirit

We believe that the Holy Spirit is a Person who convicts the world of sin, of righteousness and of judgment. He is the Supernatural Agent in regeneration, baptizing all believers into the body of Christ, indwelling and sealing them unto the day of redemption (John 16:8-11; II Cor. 3:6; I Cor.12:12-14; Rom. 8:9; Eph. 1:13-14).

We believe that He is the Divine Teacher Who guides believers into all truth; and that it is the duty and privilege of all saved to be filled with the Spirit (John 16:13; I John 2:20-27; Eph. 5:18).

V. Total Depravity of Man

We believe that man was created in the image and likeness of God, but that in Adam's sin the race fell, inherited a sinful nature, and became alienated from God. Man is totally depraved and unable to remedy his lost condition (Gen. 1:26-27; Rom. 3:22-23; Rom. 5:12; Eph. 2:1-3,12).

VI. Salvation

We believe that salvation is the gift of God brought to man by grace and received by personal faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, whose blood was shed for the forgiveness of sins (Eph. 1:7; Eph. 2:8-10; I Pet. 1:18-19).

VII. Assurance of Believers

We believe that all the redeemed are “kept by the power of God”, and “They shall never perish” and shall not be separated from the love of God (I Pet. 1:5; John 10:28; Rom. 8:38-39).

VIII. Two Natures of the Believer

We believe that every saved person possesses two natures, with provision made for victory of the new nature over the old nature through the power of the indwelling Holy Spirit; and all claims to eradication of the old nature in this life are unscriptural (Rom. 6:13; Rom. 8:12-13; Gal. 5:16-25; Eph. 4:22-24; Col. 3:10; I Pet. 1:14-16; I John 3:5-9).

IX. Separation

We believe that all the saved should live in such a manner as not to bring reproach upon their Savior and Lord; and separation from all religious apostasy, and sinful pleasures, practices and association is commanded of God (II Tim. 3:1-5; Rom. 12:1-2; Rom. 14:13; I John 2:15-17; II John 9-11; II Cor. 5:19-20)

X. Missions

We believe that it is the obligation of the saved to witness by life and by word to the truths of Holy Scripture and seek to proclaim the Gospel to all mankind (Mark 16:15; Acts 1:8; II Cor. 5:19-20).

XI. Spiritual Gifts

We believe that God is sovereign in the bestowment of all His gifts; and the gifts of evangelists, pastors, and teachers are sufficient for the perfecting of the saints today (I Cor. 12:4-11; II Cor. 12:12; Eph. 4:7-12).

XII. Prayer

We believe that God does hear and answer the prayer of faith, in accord with His own will (John 15:7; I John 5:14-15).

XIII. Church

We believe that the Church, which is the body and the espoused bride of Christ, is a spiritual organism made up of all born again persons of this present age (Eph. 1:22-23; Eph. 5:25-27; I Cor. 12:12-14; II Cor. 11:2).

We believe that the establishment and continuance of local churches is clearly taught and defined in the New Testament Scriptures (Acts 14:27; Acts 20:17,28-32; I Tim. 3:1-13; Titus 1:5-11).

We believe there are two ordinances of the church for this age which are the Lord’s Supper and water baptism of believers by immersion (I Cor. 11:23-29; Rom. 6:3-11).

XIV. Personality of Satan

We believe that Satan is a person, the author of sin and the cause of the fall. He is the open and declared enemy of God and man; and he shall be eternally punished in the Lake of Fire (Job 1:5,7; Isa. 14:12-17; Matt. 4:2-11; Matt. 25:41; Rev. 20:10).

XV. Second Advent of Christ

We believe in the “Blessed Hope”, the personal, imminent pretribulation and premillennial coming of the Lord Jesus Christ for His redeemed ones; and in His subsequent return to earth with His saints to establish His Millennial Kingdom (I Thess. 4:13-18; Zech. 14:4-11; Rev. 19:11-16; Rev. 20:1-6; I Thess. 1:10; I Thess. 5:9; Rev. 3:10).

XVI. Eternal State

We believe in the bodily resurrection of all men, the saved to eternal life, and the unsaved to judgment and everlasting punishment (Matt. 25:46; John 5:28-29; John 11:25-26; Rev. 20:5-6.12-13).

We believe that the souls of the redeemed are, at death, absent from the body and present with the Lord, where in conscious bliss they await the resurrection, when spirit, soul, and body are reunited to be glorified forever with the Lord (Luke 23:43; Rev. 20:4-6; II Cor. 5:8; Phil. 1:23; Phil. 3:21; I Thess. 4:16-17).

We believe that the souls of the unbelievers remain in conscious misery until the second resurrection, when with the soul and body reunited, they shall appear at the Great White Throne Judgment and shall be cast into the Lake of Fire, not to be annihilated but to suffer everlasting conscious punishment (Luke 16:19-26; Matt. 25:41-46; II Thess. 1:7-9; Jude 6-7; Mark 9:43-48; Rev. 20:11-15).

XVII. Human Sexuality

We believe that God has commanded that no intimate sexual activity should be engaged in outside of a marriage between a man and woman. We believe that any form of homosexuality, lesbianism, bisexuality, bestiality, incest, fornication, pedophilia, adultery, and pornography are sinful perversions of God’s gift of sex. We believe throughout the whole of Scripture, heterosexuality is both assumed and affirmed as God’s order of creation (Gen. 2:24; Gen 19:5-29; Gen. 26:8-9; Lev.18:1-30; Rom.1:26-29; I Cor. 5:1; I Cor. 6:9; I Thess. 4:1-8; Heb. 13:4).