

Perry Township Religious Education Statement of Faith

We believe in one God, Creator and Lord of the universe, eternally existing in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Genesis 1:1; Deuteronomy 6:4, Matthew 28:19, Mark 12:29, ; John 10:30; Acts 5:3-4; 2 Corinthians 13:14; Hebrews 1:1-3, 2 Corinthians 13:14; Hebrews 1:1-3

We believe the Bible to be the inspired, the only infallible, authoritative Word of God. It is supreme and the final authority in all matters of belief and conduct. Matthew 5:18, 2 Timothy 3:16- 17, 2 Peter 1:19-21, Revelation 22:18-19

We believe in the deity of Christ (John 1:1, Colossians 2:9, John 8:58, John 10:30); in His virgin birth (Matthew 1:18, 25, Isaiah 7:14, 9:6-7); in His sinless life (Hebrews 4:15); in His vicarious and atoning death through His shed blood (Hebrews 9:15-22); in His miracles, including His bodily resurrection (1 Corinthians 15:1-8); in His ascension to the right hand of the Father (Mark 16:19, Acts 1:9-11); and in His personal return in power and glory (Hebrews 9:27-28, Philippians 2:5-11).

We believe that for the salvation of lost and sinful people to see the Kingdom of God, new birth through repentance of sin and faith toward God must take place. Justification is by grace through faith in Christ alone. John 3:16, John 1:11-13, John 5:24, John 10:28-30, John 14:6, Acts 2:38, Acts 20:21; Romans 3:23-26, 6:23; Ephesians 2:8-10, Titus 3:5, Hebrews 7:24-25, 1 Peter 1:18-19, 1 John 5:11-13

We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit, in which every believer is called to walk, and by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a godly life, and bear fruit to the glory of God. John 14:16-17, 26; John 15:26-27, John 16:7-15; Acts 1:8, 2 Corinthians 1:21-22; Galatians 5:16-18

We believe in the glorious, personal, visible return of Jesus Christ to raise the dead and bring salvation and judgment to completion. This plan includes the resurrection of both the saved and the lost, and that those saved are saved unto the resurrection of eternal life with God in His Kingdom, and those lost are lost unto the resurrection of eternal punishment, eternally separated from God. Matthew 25:31-46; John 14:2-3, Romans 14:10-12, 1 Corinthians 15:51-54, 2 Corinthians 5:10, Revelation 20:11-15, 22:12-17

We believe in the spiritual unity of believers in our Lord Jesus Christ. Christ is the Head of the Church, made up of all believers throughout the world. Locally, the church is a group of believers who are organized to do God's will, worship God, and demonstrate a commitment to preaching the Gospel, compassionate service to the needs of people, and promoting righteousness and justice. Ephesians 1:22-23, Colossians 1:18, Acts 2:41-47, 1 Corinthians 12:13, Philippians 2:1-