

POINT MAN INTERNATIONAL MINISTRIES

STATEMENT OF FAITH



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INTRODUCTION

Point Man International Ministries (PMIM) is a ministry committed to the Lordship of Christ and each other. Recognizing the development of Christian character must be of necessity of an individual and a corporate endeavor. God communicates with man; that it is His intention to reveal Himself and His ways. The following are a few of the standards and values to which we are committed.

We believe that the Bible is the inspired word of God. God, through the Holy Spirit, moved upon the authors of scriptures in such a way that they faithfully, accurately and completely recorded all that God intended them to record. The scriptures are a reliable, accurate and fully trust worthy account of God's nature and character, of His actions in history, of His laws and of the teachings of Jesus Christ. We affirm that the scriptures are to be the standard of faith and practice by which the life of the church, and to the lives of its individual members and their family are governed. We also affirm that the scriptures are the standard by which all revelation and tradition is to be judged. We believe that there is a progressive aspect to God's revelation – that there are areas of truth which are taught in scripture. We do not fully understand until the Holy Spirit further illuminates them.

GOD THE FATHER, GOD THE SON, GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT

PMIM believes that one God, revealed in the Bible (Bible source, NIV-New International Version), as the only true, eternal and living God. He is infinite in being and perfection; is spiritual, immortal and indivisible; an intelligent and personal being. He is creator, redeemer and sovereign ruler of creation. He is infinite in holiness, goodness, faithfulness, mercy, righteousness, justice and all other perfection. He is omnipresent, omnipotent and complete within Himself. He accomplishes all things according to His righteous will for His own glory. He is due the highest love, reverence and obedience.

He reveals Himself to us as the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, known as the Holy Trinity; with distinct personal attributes without diversion of nature, essence or being. God the Father determines all things after the counsel of His will; God the Son is the Word who speaks that which the Father has determined; God the Holy Spirit is the dynamic power of God who brings these things into being. The Three Person acts as one; The Holy Trinity.

The Father sovereignty governs His creation and human history by His wise and holy providence. He is all-powerful, all-living and all-wise; righteousness in all His fatherly love for all who become His children through Jesus Christ by caring for them. His purpose is to prepare a family of redeemed people on earth to show forth His glory.

Jesus Christ is God, the Son. He is eternally the uncreated Word of God. Jesus was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. Jesus was God Incarnated and perfectly revealed and did the will of the Father. He took upon Himself human nature and identified fully with humanity, yet remained wholly without sin. He honored the divine will and law by obedience and through His death on the cross. He made provisions for the redemption of all who would believe in Him. He was raised from the dead and appeared three days later as promised to his disciples. He ascended into heaven and is now exalted at the right hand of God the Father, where He is the one mediator, effecting the reconciliation between God and man; providing access to the Father for the Believer.

The Father has established Him as Lord over all things and has appointed Him as judge of the world. He is the head of the church. He will return in power and glory at the end of the present age to judge the world, to reign with His people and to complete His redemptive mission by establishing in full measure the kingdom and reign of God. He will then return to the Father the government of all things, so that "God may be in all".

He dwells in all believers through the person of the Holy Spirit as the living and ever-present prophet, priest, and king; representing God to humanity, humanity of God, and fully entitled to reign as King.

The Holy Spirit exalts Christ. He convicts of sin, righteousness, judgement and calls all to Jesus. He inspired the authors of scripture and has superintended both the recording and transmission of the scripture. He grants revelation to men and women, enabling them to understand, obey the truth, to illuminate and quicken God's Word to them. He comforts, teaches and guides God's people, empowers them to obey God, to cultivate Christ-like character, to be witness to Jesus Christ.

I.

MAN

Man was created in the image of God as the crowning work of His creation. Man stood in a unique relationship with his creator and was commissioned to rule the earth under God's headship.

Though the temptation of Satan, man transgressed the command of God and fell from his unique relationship to God. Thus, all his decedents inherit both a nature and an environment twisted with sin. Because of sin, man is separated from God. Only the grace of God can restore man to his original calling; to live in fellowship with God and to fulfill the purpose for which he was created.

II.

SALVATION

Salvation involves the redemption of the whole person and is available only in and through Jesus Christ. Salvation is offered to all people; it is appropriated and experienced by those who respond in faith to God's call to submit to His Son as Lord and Savior. Jesus, through the shedding of His blood, obtained eternal redemption for those who through faith believe in Him. This faith is a gift from God and is preceded by the convicting work of the Holy Spirit, which enables a person to repent of their sin and self-determination. Repentance is followed by baptism in water and the receiving of the Holy Spirit. The gift of righteousness enables the believer to live a life of obedience to God's law, to cultivate and maintain tight relationships, and to respond to the leading of the Holy Spirit.

III.

COVENANT LIFE

God is a covenant-making and covenant-keeping God. Through covenant, God binds Himself to His people and His people to Himself. God extended covenant to us in Jesus Christ. This covenant encompasses both promises which make available to us the inherited riches which belong to Christ and demands which are to be faithfully met.

Entering into God's covenant involves entering into fellowship with God's people. The primary demand of the covenant is that we as God's people love one another. This is the command of the Lord Jesus. Loving one another involves learning to serve, admonish and support in a brotherly fashion. Practically speaking, this is experienced in relationship to those who are closest at hand with their acknowledgement of God and the understanding of the Holy Spirit.

IV.

THE CHURCH

The Church is the people of God, those who are participants in God's covenant in Jesus Christ. The scripture gives us several pictures of the church. Each of which illustrates an aspect of the church's nature and function. The church is Christ's body, with Him as its head. It is his family with Him as the firstborn. It is His workmanship with Him as its craftsmen. It is his temple with Him as its cornerstone. It is his army with Him as its captain. It is his lifeline with Him as the responder. It is his bride with Him as its bridegroom. It is His flock with Him as the chief shepherd. The goal of the church is to reflect the glory of God and to make disciple of all nations. For the accomplishment of this goal the Lord has given to His church His Holy Spirit who expresses Himself through:

1. Each individual's particular God-given abilities which are different from, and complementary to, those of each other members. Each member is encouraged to function in his own area of strength, in interdependence with his fellow member.
2. The distribution of gifts of the Holy Spirit given to the body to be used and extend the church.
3. Apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of service (ministry), so that the body of Christ may be built up.

V.

ORDINANCES AND SACRAMENTS

God provided certain ordinances and sacraments which are to be part of the believer's life.

A. *WATER BAPTISM*: in which the believer makes an open confession that they have turned from sin and are being baptized into one body. Further it is an outward confession to the devil that they no longer belong to him and have been transferred from the government of darkness to the government of God's Son by baptism in water.

B. *THE LORD'S SUPPER*: in which the participants first remember and acknowledge the death of Lord Jesus on their behalf; and affirm, renew their covenant with God.

C. *RELEASE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT*: following the believer's faith in the Lord Jesus, Christ's spirit is freely released in the individual to express all gifts of God, for spiritual maturity and spiritual warfare.

D. *BIBLICAL MARRIAGE*: God's Word to one another.

VI.

AUTHORITY

God is the source of all legitimate authority, and that all earthly authority is to be subjected to and fulfill the intentions of the divine authority.

God has enjoined man to be fruitful, multiply, fill the earth, subdue and rule it in a biblical marriage according to God's intent. To accomplish this goal, He has established for man three spheres of authority; the family, the church and civil government. Each has its own set of responsibilities, limits of authority and procedures with regard to wrong doer(s). Within each sphere God has established procedures for the correction, discipline and punishment(s) of wrong doers. The 66 Canonical Books of the Holy scriptures are the inerrant word of God. There are no other books to be added. The Apocrypha, the Book of Mormon or any other translation that adds to, or takes away from the Evangelical Canonized Scripture are not acceptable to this ministry.

A. THE FAMILY

The family is the basic societal unit—the first place of common worship, common work and common life. Scripture tells us that it is headed and led by man, consist of man and those under his care; his wife, who is his helper; his children; and any elderly or displaced person(s) from whom God grants him responsibility. A man, assisted by his wife, has the responsibility to lead, train, educate and discipline his children accordingly to the principles and methods given in scripture. God gave Adam a woman, Eve, so he would not be alone. This was to enable Adam and Eve to populate the earth.

B. THE CHURCH

The church on earth is the redeemed people of God. The church has been charged by the Lord Jesus to preach the gospel of the Kingdom of God, to heal the sick, to cast out demons, to make disciples of all nations, to baptize new members, to teach all of its members all that God has commanded and to care for the poor, aged, homeless, widows and orphans. The church may disciple its members by correction, admonition, reproof and, if necessary in extreme situations, be banned from the participation in the life of the church community.

VII.

INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY TO GOD

While God has ordained both civil and spiritual government, each Christian is individually responsible to God and account to Him for his choice(s) and behavior(s).

The believer's personal access to the Father through Jesus makes him responsible:

1. Cultivate his personal relationship to God through prayer, the study of scripture and obedience.
2. Function as a disciple to and of God through personal praise, worship and intercessory prayer.
3. Represent the Lord to those around him through his life words and actions.
4. Be faithful to his conscience and actions.

VIII.

EVANGELISM

Be implicate in God's command to His people to be fruitful is the responsibility to proclaim the Gospel, to make disciples to the Lord Jesus of all nations, to baptize new members and to teach them to observe all of God's Commandments.

IX.

SPIRITUAL WARFARE

God and His people are opposed by supernatural foes in the person of Satan and his principles, powers, and demons. Satan's power has been definitively and decisively broken by the death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ, who now lives within each believer.

Satan is a deceiver, liar and thief. God's people have been commissioned and given power and authority to expose Satan's lies and to deliver all who are in bondage and captivity to him. Satan's power is limited by the sovereign purpose of God and that the churches' victory over him will be complete.

X.

CHRIST'S RETURN

Every person will stand before God and be judged at the end of this age, and given an account for everything they have done in the physical body, whether good or bad. For the righteous, this judgment will determine their reward. For the unrighteous (those who have lived a life of rebellion against God's law and gospel), the judgment will determine their punishment. Heaven and Hell are real.

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