

## **James and Suzanne Hood's Statement of Faith**

### ***We believe:***

- ... that there is one true and living God, the LORD, and beside Him is no savior.
- ... that God is triune: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.
- ... that God created the heaven and the earth by His Word from nothing in six literal, twenty-four hour days—that “He spake and it was done; He commanded and it stood fast” (Psalm 33:9).
- ... that God created man in His image, after His likeness, and that God's design is for a man to leave his father and mother and be joined unto his wife (singular) for as long as they both shall live.
- ... that God created man a responsible being; and as such, he may choose to accept or resist the grace of God.
- ... that every person is sinful, in need of salvation, and unable to save himself.
- ... that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God—that He was born in the flesh miraculously through the virgin Mary; that as the God-Man He died on the cross for the sins of all mankind, was buried, and was raised from the dead bodily on the third day; and that He is the only propitiation for the sins of the whole world.
- ... that salvation is by grace, through faith alone in the risen Christ, His righteousness, and His finished work.
- ... in the eternal security of the believer—one who has repented and put saving faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.
- ... in a literal heaven—that it is the eternal dwelling place of God and of those who are justified by faith.
- ... in a literal hell and lake of fire—that hell is the temporary place of torment for people who die without Christ, and that every unbeliever will suffer eternally—with body, soul, and spirit—in the lake of fire.
- ... in the judgment of Christians at the “judgment seat of Christ” and of unbelievers at the “great white throne.”
- ... that Jesus ascended bodily into heaven, where he now intercedes for believers, and will return bodily to earth.
- ... in the pre-tribulational rapture of all believers and pre-millennial return and millennial reign of the Lord Jesus.
- ... that God intends for every believer to fulfill the Great Commission in the context of the local church.
- ... that the two ordinances of the local church are baptism by immersion for believers only, and the Lord's supper as a memorial.
- ... that God is sovereign in the bestowment of all His gifts, and that the gifts of evangelist and pastor-teacher are sufficient for the perfecting of the saints for today.
- ... that speaking in tongues and the working of sign miracles gradually ceased as the New Testament Scriptures were completed and Their authority became established.
- ... that all forms of compromise with Liberalism, Ecumenicism, Neo-Evangelicalism, or the Charismatic Movement should be avoided by those who wish to live in obedience to God.
- ... in the verbal, plenary inspiration of the Old and New Testaments, because God the Holy Spirit has spoken to mankind through His prophets, His Son, and His apostles.
- ... that God's revelation to man was completed with His revelation to John the Apostle on the isle of Patmos.
- ... that God has preserved His Word through the Hebrew Masoretic Text and the Greek Textus Receptus.
- ... that the King James Version is presently the best English translation of the Masoretic and Received Texts.
- ... in the obligation of every believer to learn and obey God's Word in It's entirety.
- ... that God has created music for His glory, and that every believer is responsible to offer the sacrifice of praise to God and to teach and admonish one another with music that is holy and which truly reflects God's character.