The Narrow Path Radio Broadcast Statement of Faith

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The views expressed by me, the host of the radio broadcast, are my own, and not those of an organization or a denomination. Similarly, the views of the host are not necessarily those of the radio stations that carry the program, the callers, or the financial supporters of the ministry. My principal doctrinal views are as follows:

- 1. I believe in one sovereign God, Creator of all things, existing and made known to us as three persons: the Father, the Word and the Holy Spirit. Thus God is *in one sense* "one"—yet He is, *in a different sense*, "three." The traditional terminology speaks of God being "one *in essence*, three *in person*." While the terminology is extrabiblical, I find no reason to object to it. A lucid explanation of these facts is not granted to us in the Bible, and probably cannot be fully comprehended by finite minds.
- 2. I believe that Jesus of Nazareth is the Word made flesh,⁴ and is thus uniquely the Son of God,⁵ born of the virgin Mary.⁶ He is the Messiah, or Christ, predicted in the Hebrew scriptures.⁷ He lived a life free of sin,⁸ which qualified Him to give Himself in man's place, an atoning sacrifice for the sins of the world.⁹ This He did when He died on the cross,¹⁰ after which He arose bodily from the grave, appeared to many alive again, and ascended into heaven to be enthroned at the right hand of God the Father.¹¹
- 3. I believe that the gospel of the kingdom of God¹² is the happy message that God has made Christ to be King of Kings and Lord of Lords.¹³ Through faith in Him,¹⁴ by virtue of the atoning merits of His blood,¹⁵ sinners may be reconciled to God.¹⁶ Through the power of His resurrection, justified sinners experience regeneration¹⁷

⁵ Luke 1:35 / Romans 1:3-4 / 1 John 4:15

¹ Genesis 1:1 / Isaiah 33:6 / Isaiah 42:5 / Revelation 4:11

² Matthew 28:19 / 2 Corinthians 13:14 / 1 Peter 1:2

³ Psalm 131:1 / 1 Corinthians 13:12

⁴ John 1:14

⁶ Isaiah 7:14 / Matthew 1:20-23 / Luke 1:34

⁷ Luke 2:11 / Acts 9:22 / 1 John 2:22; 5:1

⁸ 2 Corinthians 5:21 / Hebrews 4:15

⁹ John 1:29 / 1 Timothy 2:6 / 1 John 2:2 / Revelation 5:9

¹⁰ Ephesians 2:16 / Colossians 1:20; 2:14 / 1 Peter 2:24

¹¹ Acts 2:30-34; 4:10-12; 10:40-42; 13:30-34 / Revelation 3:21

¹² Mark 1:14-15 / Matthew 24:14

¹³ Acts 2:36; 17:7 / 1 Timothy 6:15

¹⁴ John 20:31 / Acts 10:43; 13:39 / Romans 3:28

 $^{^{15}}$ Romans 5:9 / Ephesians 1:7 / Colossians 1:20 / 1 John 1:7 / Revelation 1:5

¹⁶ Romans 5:10 / 2 Corinthians 5:19-20

¹⁷ Colossians 2:12-13 / 1 Peter 1:3

and translation into His kingdom,¹⁸ where they enjoy righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.¹⁹ Regeneration also involves the granting of the Holy Spirit to dwell in, to guide and to empower the believer.²⁰

- 4. I believe that the believer in Christ is called to be a disciple,²¹ that is, a learner and follower of Christ.²² Discipleship involves obedience to the commands of Christ,²³ resulting ultimately, through the inward working of the Holy Spirit, in personal transformation of the disciple into the image and likeness of the Master.²⁴
- 5. I believe that the Jewish and Christian scriptures of the Old and New Testament are given by inspiration of God, and are thus, when properly understood and applied, profitable and authoritative to the disciple in all matters pertaining to life and godliness.²⁵
- 6. I believe in the unity of the whole church of the living God,²⁶ which is God's family,²⁷ Christ's Body²⁸ and the Holy Spirit's habitation²⁹ among men. I believe that I should receive as brethren all who sincerely embrace Christ as Lord.³⁰ I believe there is no valid reason to divide the church institutionally into separate fellowships defined by differences in particular theological convictions, much less by loyalties to men or systems of thought.³¹ I believe that to define the fellowship of the saints more narrowly than God does is sin.³²
- 7. I believe that, at the end of the age, Christ will physically and personally return to judge the living and the dead.³³ I believe that the dead will be raised and the living saints caught up to meet the Lord at His coming.³⁴ Those who are Christ's at His coming will be granted eternal life,³⁵ while those not found written in the book of life shall be cast into the lake of fire.³⁶

¹⁹ Romans 14:17

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¹⁸ Colossians 1:13

²⁰ John 7:37-39 / Acts 1:8; 2:38 / Romans 8:9, 14, 26 / 1 John 4:13

²¹ Luke 14:26, 27, 33 / John 13:35; 15:8 / Acts 11:26

²² Matthew 11:28-29 / Mark 4:34

²³ Matthew 28:19-20 / John 8:31

²⁴ Luke 6:40 / Romans 8:29 / 2 Corinthians 3:18 / Galatians 4:19

²⁵ 2 Timothy 3:16-17 / 2 Peter 1:3, 20-21

²⁶ Eph.4:3-6 / 1 Corinthians 1:10 / John 17:20-21

²⁷ Eph.2:19; 3:14-15 / 1 John 3:2; 5:10

²⁸ 1 Corinthians 12:12-13, 27 / Eph.1:22-23; 4:16

²⁹ Eph.2:22/ 1 Corinthians 3:16 / 1 Peter 2:5

³⁰ Romans 14:10; 15:7/ Acts 10:15, 28 / 1 Cor.12:14-22

³¹ 1 Corinthians 1:12-13

³² 1 Corinthians 3:3-4; 12:25

³³ Matthew 25:31ff / Acts 1:11 / 2 Timothy 4:1

³⁴ John 5:28-29; 6:39, 40, 44, 54; 11:25-26 / 1 Corinthians 15:52 / 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17

³⁵ Matthew 19:29; 25:46 / Romans 2:7 / 1 John 2:25

³⁶ Matthew 25:41, 46 / Revelation 14:10-11: 20:15