

PREFACE

AERO Missions, Inc. is a non-profit, faith-based, ministry- and donor-supported organization that is non-adjacent to a particular church or ministry. It is the desire of the *AERO Missions* to remain an independent ministry, yet to partner with churches, mission boards, and Christian institutions of like faith in helping to prepare both current and future missionaries for their work as missionary aviators.

The ultimate goal of *AERO Missions* is the furtherance of the Gospel message of Jesus Christ, proclaiming His name amongst the peoples of the world who have yet to hear, that they might have the opportunity to accept Him as their personal Lord and Savior. The details of this message and the beliefs held by our ministry are dictated below:

DOCTRINES

- We believe in the plenary, verbal inspiration of the Scriptures (II Tim. 3:16-17, II Pet. 1:20-21), the infallibility of the Bible (Ps. 19:7-9, Pr. 30:5), and the truth that God has and will preserve His Word for all of eternity (Ps. 40:8, Ps. 119:89, Mt. 5:18).

Position on the Text: We hold to the belief that the King James Version of the Bible is the best translation for all English-speaking peoples (its translation having been completed word-for-word, rather than idea-for-idea) and that the origins of this translation are in fact the *Masoretic Text* (OT) and the *Textus Receptus* (NT).

- We believe in the Trinity--that God, His Son Jesus, and the Holy Spirit are one in the same, three-in-one (Gen. 1:26, Mt. 3:16-17; 28:18-20, II Cor. 13:14).
- We believe in the Creation of the universe in a literal six days by an Almighty God, the Creator (Gen. 1-2, Ps. 8, Ps. 19:1-6, Is. 40:12-29).
- We believe that God created mankind in His image, without sin and guile (Gen. 2); yet man chose to disobey God, resulting in our eternal separation from Him (Rom. 5:12).
- We believe that due to the disobedience of mankind, all men are sinners and worthy of eternal separation from a Holy God (Rom. 3:10, 23; 5:12-19; 6:23).
- We believe, according to the Scriptures, that atonement must be made for our sin, whereby God might see us as Himself (justification; I Cor. 6:11, Gal. 3:24), holy, and without sin, and would grant us eternal life (Col. 1:14, Heb. 9-10).
- We believe that God sent His only begotten Son, Jesus (John 3:16), born of a virgin (Is. 7:14, Matt. 1:18-25), to the earth so that He might offer Himself as a sacrificial Lamb, making atonement for the sins of all mankind.

- We believe and recognize Jesus as the God-man; He was the very Son of God in human flesh, and at the same time He was God Himself (John 5:19-47; 8:23-58, Heb. 4:15, I Pet. 2:22-24).
- We believe that Jesus gave Himself willingly as a sacrifice for the sins of the world, laying down His life in our place, taking the payment of our sin upon Himself (Matt. 26:36-46, John 19, II Cor. 5:21).
- We believe that Jesus died, was buried, and three days later rose again by His own power; and He lives today and forevermore (John 20, I Cor. 15:1-22, Acts 1:7-11).
- We believe salvation comes by grace through faith in Christ's finished work on the cross (Rom. 1:17, Eph. 2:8-9).
- We believe, according to the Scriptures, that whosoever acknowledges that he is a sinner, believes in his heart that Jesus died in his place, and confesses to God that Jesus is Lord shall receive the gift of eternal life (John 3:15-17, John 10:9-10, 13; Acts 16:32).

Position on Calvinism: We believe that Jesus died for all men, and He desires that all men accept His finished work on the cross (John 3:16, Rom. 6:23, Rom. 10:13, I Tim. 2:3-4, II Pet. 3:9, I John 2:2). We wholly refute the teachings of Calvinism, whereby it is believed that God chooses some to eternal life and others to eternal damnation.

- We believe that we are kept in Him, that our salvation is eternal and unable to be taken or lost (John 10:27-28, II Tim. 1:12; 2:19, I Pet. 1:5, John 5:13).
- We believe that God desires us to be holy (I Pet. 1:15-16), sanctified, as in set apart from the things of the world (Rom. 12:1-2), and living a life that is obedient and yielded to the Holy Spirit of God as He guides and directs our paths.
- We believe in the indwelling of the Holy Spirit in the life of the believer; The Holy Spirit guides and directs our steps, convicts us of sin, and reveals to us the truth of God's Word (John 16:13, I Cor. 2:10-16, Gal. 5:16-15).
- We believe in a pre-tribulation, pre-millennial rapture of the church (those who have trusted in Jesus Christ for salvation), this occurring at a time known only to God (I Thess. 4:14-17).
- We believe that following the rapture of the church, God will judge the world during a seven year Tribulation (Dan. 9:27, Rev. 6-19).
- We believe in the post-Tribulation 1,000-year millennial reign of Jesus Christ upon the earth, during which time He will establish His kingdom, ruling and reigning, and ultimately defeating Satan and his angels at the conclusion of this time (Rev. 20:1-10).
- We believe that at the end of the Millennial reign of Christ, all mankind will appear before God Almighty to be judged: the righteous will stand before God at the Judgment Seat of Christ to account for the works done in their lives (Rom. 14:10-12), and the unrighteous will stand before God at the Great White Throne judgment to be sentenced to everlasting punishment (Rev. 20:11-15).

- We believe in a literal place called Hell that was prepared for the Devil and his angels. According to the Bible, those who reject God, as did the Devil and his followers, will also spend eternity in this place of torment (Luke 16:19-31, Rev. 20:10).
- We believe in a literal place called Heaven, a perfect place, of eternal existence, without sin, and the dwelling of our Savior, Jesus Christ and His Father, Almighty God (John 14:1-6, Rev. 21-22). It is here that all who have trusted in Jesus for salvation will spend eternity with Him.
- We believe in the autonomy of the local church, as set forth in the New Testament (Acts 14:23, I Pet. 5:1-3). We also believe that the Biblical structure of the church is Christ as the head and the believers as the body of Christ (Eph. 1:17-23, Col. 1:18).
- We believe in the two church ordinances, as given in the Bible: [1] the baptism of believers (in obedience to the Lord in testifying of one's salvation; Mt. 3:13-17, Rom. 6:3-4), and [2] the Lord's Supper (signifying the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, as well as our communion with Him; Luke 22:14-20, I Cor. 11:24-26).
- We believe that the Bible commands the believer to live a life that is separated from the things of the world and sanctified unto the Lord Jesus Christ; we are to be *in* the world, yet not *of* the world (John 17:14-17, Rom. 12:1-2, II Cor. 6:14-17, Eph. 5:11). The believer's testimony, as well as his character, is to exemplify Jesus Christ in every aspect of his life (I Cor. 10:31).
- We believe, according to the Scriptures, that God is worthy of all worship and praise, such that is entirely focused on Him and not on ourselves (Eph. 5:18-20, Rev. 4:11). Our worship should exalt the Lord Jesus, should be expressed humbly and sincerely, and should point others to Him (Ps. 8, Ps. 95:6, Phil. 2:10-11, Rev. 4:11).
- We believe that the Bible is the source for sound doctrine (Ps. 19:7-11, I Tim. 4:12-16) and that its content is true, righteous, and altogether perfect and should be the principle guidebook by which every believer should live. We understand that false doctrine is prevalent in today's day and age, and we hold to the Bible's warnings and admonitions of accepting anti-Biblical teachings (I Tim. 4:12-16; 6:3-5, II Tim. 1:13; 2:16-19; 3:16-17; 4:2-4, Tit. 1:9-16; 2:1-10, 15)

Position on the Charismatic Movement of today: We believe that the Holy Spirit lives within the believer (I Cor. 3:16), guiding him, convicting him of sin, and revealing to him the truths of God's Word. We firmly reject the teachings and practices of the Charismatic Movement, including the idea of a believer being "slain in the Spirit," whereby he is moved by strong outward feeling and emotion. On the contrary, the Bible teaches that we are to be "filled with the Spirit" (Eph. 5:16), allowing the Spirit of God to work in and through us (Phil. 2:13).

SUMMARY

AERO Missions recognizes the Holy Bible as the final and sole authority for our beliefs and practices as a ministry that seeks to preach, teach, and share the Gospel with the world. We acknowledge that there are yet further doctrines and articles of faith on which we stand and believe that are not contained herein; nonetheless, we feel that this Statement encompasses the primary doctrines of *AERO Missions*.

* Please feel free to contact us with any questions you have regarding this Statement.