


A STATEMENT OF FAITH

(1) IN THE TRIUNE GOD AS CREATOR REDEEMER AND JUDGE (2) IN THE AWAKENING & RESURRECTION OF THE DEAD (3) IN THE PERFECTING OF HOLINESS (4) IN THE RAPTURE (5) IN THE RETURN OF CHRIST (6) IN THE RESTITUTION AT HIS KINGDOM (7) IN THE JUDGMENTS OF SAINTS, OF (8) NATIONS AND (9) THE DISOBEDIENT DECREED BY GOD (10) AND IN THE HEAVENLY CONSUMMATION

FAITH IS IN JESUS CHRIST AS THE SECOND PERSON OF THE TRINITY AND OUR COMING LORD

This is an **ABC** statement  by *Bob Coffey* setting out prophetic principles (as distinct from a body of doctrine)

I BELIEVE in concert (a) with the biblical teaching of Christ who **is** the resurrection and the life and **prepares a place** for each departing believer and (b) with the doctrine of the apostle Paul that at death we shall not be unclothed but clothed upon and complete in **our beautiful homely body which is from heaven**.^{*} *Is not the "intermediate state" as a theological construct or fallacy akin to "purgatory" even as Christ taught Mary and Martha to think of Him as capable of immediately conferring life by contrast with her "last day" Jewish traditional viewpoint. Jesus' numerous miracles show He is instantly able to deliver resurrection as like the Father He has life in himself. This capability is seen as absolute at the Holy Mount.*

I BELIEVE that when our Lord Jesus Christ shall appear **we who shall have been raised**... (*εγερθησονται 1Corinthians15.52*

ουκ περιλειπομενοι ...αναστησονται πρωτον 1Thessalonians 4 16-17)

...shall appear with Him in glory with the crown of life even as Moses and Elijah appeared on the holy mount with current bodily soul and spiritual features.

I BELIEVE **the scriptures teach** that we shall see Him as He is, for we shall be like Him and that those from among us of the church triumphant who sleep in Jesus **God will bring with him**.

I BELIEVE **according to the scriptures** that those of the church militant who remain until the out-redemption shall be changed in a moment when the Lord comes. In His Parousia as a thief in the night He shall gather His own from the four winds to heaven and so we shall be caught up in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air never again to be separated from His presence.

I BELIEVE that **each of us shall stand** (*but not in a one day queue*) **before the judgment seat of Christ** to speak with him of those things large or small that were done in the earthly body and to pass under His rod and rule and as is befitting receive His rebuke and commendation whilst we behold His glorious face and blessed outstretched hands.

I BELIEVE Christians shall **rejoice together**... (*Though the saintly rule of the earth does not prophecy co-inhabitation of resurrected saints and the procreative human family still resident on earth neither does it prevent special and historic visitation(s) on the model of the visit of angels. Saints are committed to continuance with the lamb in the city that comes down from God*) ... **with the bridegroom whose advent** as the "desire of nations" shall establish His promised rule over Jerusalem. "The kingdoms of this world shall become the kingdoms of our God and of His Christ." Christ's kingdom on earth shall be fully realised and "the knowledge of God shall cover the earth as the waters cover the sea and no man shall need to say to his neighbour 'know the LORD' for they shall all know him from the greatest to the least."

I BELIEVE Christ shall **create** Jerusalem "a rejoicing" –so we look for Shiloh who **according to His promise** shall cause war and tribulation to cease and with the sword of His mouth **separate the nations in judgment** as sheep from goats so that those who escape of the nations shall beat their swords into ploughshares.

I BELIEVE as an inviolable biblical **covenant of God** that our Lord shall *graft* in the Jew so that all Israel shall be saved and **this millennial age** shall be

marked by blessing and felicity upon the earth not least because Satan shall be bound during that monarchy and kingdom **of which all the prophets spoke.**

I BELIEVE that the Pantocrator or "Victorious Lord" who exercises the same prerogatives of grace in every epoch knows the hearts of all and shall *after the passage of 1000 years* release Satan who **according to God's decree** shall initiate the last battle of Gog and Magog but Satan shall be consumed with fiery judgment together with those who are exposed to ultimate spiritual choice as in the church era and patently reject Christ's rule.

I BELIEVE that those of all ages who through disobedience and evil works would not have Christ in their knowledge shall **according to the decree of God** be arraigned for judgment at **the great white throne** of God and suffer the second death.

I BELIEVE **according to the scriptures and the apostles of our LORD** that in the context of the last judgment the first heaven and earth that are now shall flee away as a scroll and the earth shall be dissolved. God shall be "all in all" and Shaddai shall reign with Christ through eternal ages.

I BELIEVE that the throne of God in the Holy City the New Jerusalem which is **from above shall exercise** eternal authority over the new heaven and earth which is the eternal home of the righteous.

AMEN

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