

# STATEMENT OF FAITH

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## **We believe that/in.....**

**the 66 books of the Christian Bible are inspired, inerrant, & the authoritative Word of God. Therefore, the Bible is the final authority for all we believe & how we are to live (Matthew 5:18; John 10:35; John 17:17; 2 Timothy 3:16-17; 2 Peter 1:20-21).**

**the one true God who has revealed Himself, distinguishable but indivisible, as existing eternally in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. These, being one God, are equal in deity, power, and glory (Matthew 28:19; Luke 3:21-22).**

**God created the world and also now upholds, sustains, governs, and providentially allows or directs all that exists. He will bring all things to their proper consummation in Christ Jesus to the glory of His name (Ephesians 1:10; Matthew 28:20; Genesis 1; John 1:1-3).**

**Satan, originally the great and good angel Lucifer, rebelled against God, taking a multitude of angels with him. He was cast out of God's presence and is at work with his demonic hosts to establish his counter-kingdom of darkness, evil, and unrest on Earth. Satan was judged and defeated at the cross of Christ and will at the end of the age be cast forever into the lake of fire, which has been prepared for him and his angels (Isaiah 14:10-17; Ezekiel 28:11-19; Matthew 12:25-29, 25:41; John 12:31 and 16:11; Ephesians 6:10-20; Colossians 2:15; 2 Peter 2:4; Jude 6; Revelation 12:7-9, 20:10).**

**The human race was originally created by God in His image, righteous and without sin until sin entered by disobedience and rebellion leaving humanity totally incapable of saving itself. In consequence of his disobedience, Adam's posterity are born subject to both imputed and inherent sin and are therefore by nature and choice the children of wrath, justly condemned in the sight of God and wholly unable to save themselves or to contribute in any way to their acceptance by God (Genesis 1-3; Psalm 51:5; Isaiah 53:5; Romans 3:9-18, 5:12-21; Ephesians 2:1-3).**

**Jesus Christ is God incarnate, fully God and fully man, that He was conceived and born of a virgin, lived a sinless life, and offered Himself as a legal, sacrificial substitution for sinners. By His blood shed at the Cross, He obtained for us eternal redemption, the forgiveness of sins, and life everlasting. He was raised bodily on the third day and ascended to the right hand of the Father, there to forever make intercession for the saints. We believe in the power and authority of Jesus over sin, death, disease the devil and any agent of the devil. (Matthew 1:18–25; John 1:1–18; Romans 8:34; 1 Corinthians 15:1–28; 2 Corinthians 5:21; Galatians 3:10–14; Ephesians 1:7; Philippians 2:6–11; Colossians 1:15–23; Hebrews 7:25, 9:13–15 and 10:19; 1 Peter 2:21–25; 1 John 2:1–2).**

**salvation is by grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone. No ordinance, ritual, work, or any other activity on the part of man is required or accepted in order to be saved. This saving grace of God, through the power of the Holy Spirit, also sanctifies us by enabling us to do what is pleasing in God's sight in order that we might be progressively conformed to the image of Christ (John 1:12–13, 6:37–44, 10:25–30; Acts 16:30–31; Romans 3–4 and 8:1–17, 31–39, 10:8–10; Ephesians 2:8–10; Philippians 2:12–13; Titus 3:3–7; 1 John 1:7, 9).**

**In the Person and ministry of the Holy Spirit today, Who was sent to continue the work of the Lord Jesus Christ to Empower, Edify and Convict the Body of Christ. We believe that all manifestations, ministries and gifts of the Spirit of God point back to the Lord Jesus Christ and honour His Word. We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ baptizes believers in the Holy Spirit, in whom we are also sealed for the day of redemption. The Holy Spirit regenerates, forever indwells, and graciously equips the Christian for godly living and service, if we surrender to His ministry in us. We believe in the active and supernatural work of the Holy Spirit in the Body of Christ. We believe the ministry of the Holy Spirit is vital in being able to fulfill the Great Commission and Great Commandment. (Matthew 3:11; John 1:12–13, 3:1–15; Acts 4:29–30; Romans 8:9, 12:3–8; 1 Corinthians 12:12–13; 2 Corinthians 1:21–22; Galatians 3:1–5; Ephesians 1:13–14, 5:18).**

**water baptism and the Lord's Supper are the two ordinances of the church to be observed until the time of Christ's return. They are not a means of salvation but are channels of God's sanctifying grace and blessing to the faithful in Christ Jesus (Matthew 26:26–29, 28:19; Romans 6:3–11; 1 Corinthians 11:23–34; 1 Peter 3:21).**

**We have been called to be 'One' body or Bride of Christ. If our king is the One, we are One kingdom. Despite difference in theological opinion, denominational lines or cultural barriers, we can work together in our communities to spread the Gospel, shine His light and glorify Him. In Multi-Ministries we will strive by all means to be at peace and pursue unity. To build bridges and follow the road of reconciliation. We respect denominational lines and theological differences but call all to pursue peace and unity among the brethren. (John 17; Romans 12:18)**

**God has created diversity in all His creation and therefore in humanity this is clearly evident. We are to celebrate our diversity of cultures and not let it become a stumbling block. In all our expressions of worship, faith, preferences and daily life, as long as it honours God and aligns with the Word, His heart and principles, it is to be celebrated, respected and given space. All culture needs the power of the Gospel yet all culture has beauty in it we can celebrate. (Galations 6:14)**

**God has created marriage, parenthood, and the family unit as our first and greatest responsibility and privilege. We are to prioritize it and invest in it as befits it. May our families be a safe place where the presence of God is felt and real. May we raise up families that are filled with the presence of God, built on the Word of God. (Ephesian 5:**

**We strongly denounce any form of abuse, intimidation or exploitation of others. This includes in the family unit, church or wider community. May we be known as a people that actively demonstrate the fruits of the Spirit. That we are known by our authentic and visible love. That we fearlessly speak out against injustice and speak up for those without a voice.**

**God has called all of us to be good stewards of all that He has entrusted us with and in everything do it to the best of our abilities, doing it as to God. To look after our bodies, as the Temple of the Holy Spirit. To look after all creation, as the first task given humanity in the Garden. To use our time wisely, as precious and needing redeeming. To look after our finances, as all things come from God and should be used to glorify Him. To look after our spouses, as this is a witness of the love of Christ. To look after our children, as they are a gift from God. As a minister of God to look after His sheep/children, as they belong to Him. We believe that we will give account to God for all the things He has entrusted to our care.**

**the church is God's primary instrument through which He is fulfilling His redemptive purposes in the earth. We also affirm the priesthood of all believers and the importance of every Christian's being joined with and actively involved in a local community of the saints. We believe that all people are called and gifted to proclaim the gospel and to do all the works of the Kingdom (Matthew 16:17–19; Acts 2:17–18, 42; Ephesians 3:14–21, 4:11–16; 1 Timothy 2:11–15; Hebrews 10:23–25; 1 Peter 2:4–5, 9–10).**

**The local church is a vital channel of His presence, a city of refuge for the healing of the broken, a safe place for discipleship, an ever-present light in the community and a public reminder of the continuing mission of Christ in the World. God chooses to partner with people as well as local churches to accomplish His mission.**

**God has called the church to preach the gospel of Christ and make disciples of all nations. All followers of Christ have been called to be active in getting others to follow Christ as well. All have been called to repent of their sins and grow in their relationship with God and invite others to join them. We have been called to be Jesus in all spheres of our society and lives. In this mission to the world we are also reminded to reach out**

**and help those less fortunate, trapped in bondage, disadvantaged due to loss or circumstances, to speak up for those without voices, to defend those that are vulnerable and to advocate for justice and reconciliation. (Isaiah 58:6–12, 61:1; Matthew 5–7, 28:18–20; Luke 4:18, 21:1–4; Galatians 2:10; 1 Timothy 6:8).**

**the literal second coming of Christ at the end of the age when He will return to earth personally and visibly to consummate His Kingdom. We also believe in and are praying for a great end-time harvest of souls and the emergence of a victorious church that will experience an unprecedented unity, purity, and power in the Holy Spirit (Psalms 2:7–9, 22:27–28; John 14:12, 17:20–26; Romans 11:25–32; 1 Corinthians 15:20–28, 50–58; Ephesians 4:11–16; Philippians 3:20–21; 1 Thessalonians 4:13–5:11; 2 Thessalonians 1:3–12; Revelation 7:9–14).**

**when the Christian dies he or she passes immediately into the blessed presence of Christ, there to enjoy conscious fellowship with the Savior until the day of the resurrection and glorious transformation of the body. The saved will then forever dwell in blissful fellowship with their great triune God. We also believe that when the unbeliever dies, they are consigned to await the Day of Judgment when they shall be punished with eternal, conscious, and tormented separation from the presence of God in the lake of fire (Matthew 25:46; Luke 16:19–31; John 5:25–29; 1 Corinthians 15:35–58; 2 Corinthians 5:1–10; Philippians 1:19–26, 3:20–21; 2 Thessalonians 1:5–10; Revelation 20:11–15, 21:1–22:15).**