

# STATEMENT OF FAITH

## We Believe:

- In the Scriptures of the Old Testament (39 Books) and New Testament (27 Books) in their original writing as fully inspired by God and accept them as the final authority for faith and life.  
(Deuteronomy 4:2, Proverbs 30:5-6, John 1:1, 2 Timothy 3:16-17, 2 Peter 1: 20-21, Revelation 22:18-19)
- In one God eternally existing in three persons – Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
(Matthew 3:16, Matthew 28:19, Luke 3:22, John 14:26, John 16:26-28, Acts 1:4-5, Acts 2:33, Acts 10:38, Romans 1:4, 2 Corinthians 13:14, Galatians 4:6, Ephesians 1:17, Ephesians 2:18, Hebrews 9:14, 1 Peter 1:2)
- That the Lord Jesus Christ was begotten by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, and is fully God and fully Man.  
(Matthew 1:18-25, Luke 1:26-38)
- That God created mankind in His image; that man sinned and thereby incurred the penalty of death, both physical and spiritual; and that all human beings inherit a sinful nature.  
(Genesis 1:26, Romans 3:23-24, Romans 6:23)
- That the Lord Jesus Christ died for our sins, a substitutionary sacrifice, according to the Scriptures, and that all who believe and trust in Him are justified on the grounds of his shed blood.  
(Isa 53:1-12, John 3:16, John 14:6, Romans 10:9-10, 1 Peter 2:23-25)
- In the bodily resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ, His ascension into heaven, and His present life as our High Priest and Advocate.  
(Luke 24, Acts 1:9-11)
- In the personal, future return of the Lord Jesus Christ.  
(Matthew 24:42, Matthew 26:64, John 14:3, 1 Thessalonians 5:23, Revelations 22:12)
- In the personality of the Holy Spirit, His regenerating work, and abiding presence in the true believer. That the Holy Spirit and the gifts of the Holy Spirit indwells all true believers and that He has been sent to empower the Christian Church, to produce the fruit of the Holy Spirit and to enable the gifts of the Holy Spirit according to the Scriptures.  
(John 15:26, John 16:7-15, Acts 1:8, Acts 2:1-4, Acts 2:17-18, 1 Corinthians 12:1-11, Galatians 5:16-25)
- That all who repent of their sins and receive the Lord Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour by faith are born again of the Holy Spirit and thereby become children of God.  
(John 3:16-18, Romans 8:14-17, 1 John 3:1-3)
- That all Christians are called to a life of holiness, devotion and service to the Lord Jesus Christ.  
(Leviticus 11:45, 1 Peter 1:14-19)
- That we are appointed to die once, and then comes judgement. Following judgement, the eternal blessedness of the redeemed, and the eternal banishment from God of those who have rejected the offer of Salvation.  
(Hebrews 9:27 John 17:3, John 5:24, John 3:36, John 12:48, Acts 24:15, 2 Corinthians 4:18, Galatians 6:7-8, Romans 6:22-23, Philippians 1:21, Titus 3:7, 1 John 5:12, 1 Peter 1:3-5, 1 Peter 5:10)
- That the whole company of those who have accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as their Saviour, having been redeemed by Him and regenerated by the Holy Spirit, form the one true Church, and that the local Church on earth should take its character from this concept. Therefore, the new birth and personal confession of faith in Christ form the bedrock essentials of Church membership.  
(Romans 10:9, Romans 12:3-8, Colossians 3:15-17, 1 Corinthians 12:13, Philippians 2:1-2)
- In the priesthood of all believers.  
(Acts 2:44, Ephesians 4:1-16, Galatians 6:10)
- That the ascended Christ has given various ministries and ministers to the Church in order to bring all believers to a place of Christian maturity in understanding of the Gospel, and the performance and function of ministry.  
(Romans 12:4-8, Ephesians 4:11-13, 1 Corinthians 12:7-11)
- That the Lord Jesus Christ appointed two ordinances – Baptism and Communion – to be observed as acts of obedience and as a perpetual witness to the cardinal facts of the Christian faith: that baptism is the immersion of the believer in water as a confession of identification with Christ in burial and resurrection, and that the Communion is partaking of the bread and the cup as symbols of the Saviour's broken body and shed blood, in remembrance of His sacrificial, atoning death on the cross.  
(Matthew 3:13-17, Matthew 28:19-20, Luke 22:14-20, Acts 2:38-38, 1 Corinthians 11:24-26)
- We believe in Covenant, as expressed ultimately between God and man through the finished work of Jesus Christ, and expressed similarly between one husband (Male) and one wife (Female) as created and instituted by God (Matthew 26:26-28, Matthew 28:1-7, Mark 14:22-26, Luke 22:19-20, John 19:30, Hebrews 9:15, Hebrews 13:20-21, Genesis 1:25, Matthew 19:4, Genesis 2:24, Matthew 19:5-6, Ephesians 5:31)