



Statement of Faith

We believe in one God, Creator and Lord of the universe, eternally existing in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. (*Gen. 1:1; Deut. 6:4; Matt. 28:19; Mark 12:29; John 10:30; Acts 5:3-4; 2 Cor. 13:14; Heb. 1:1-3*)

We believe that the Bible, both Old and New Testaments, is God's authoritative, inspired Word. It is without error in all its teachings, including creation, history, its own origins, and salvation. It is the supreme and final authority in all matters of belief and conduct. (*Matt. 5:18; John 17:17; 2 Tim. 3:16-17; 2 Pet. 1:19-21; Rev. 22:18-19*)

We believe that Jesus Christ, God's Son, was conceived by the Holy Spirit, was born of the Virgin Mary, lived a sinless life, died a substitutionary atoning death on the cross, rose bodily from the dead, and ascended to heaven where, as truly God and truly man, He is the only mediator between God and man. (*Isa. 7:14; 9:6-7; Matt. 1:18-25; Mark 14:61-62; Luke 3:22; John 1:1-3, 14, 29; 5:18; 8:58; 10:30; 2 Cor. 5:21; Phil. 2:5-11; Col. 2:9; 1 Tim. 2:5; 1 John 5:20*)

We believe in the necessity of the work of the Holy Spirit for the individual's new birth and growth to maturity and for the Church's constant renewal in truth, wisdom, faith, holiness, love, power, and mission. Every believer is called to live and walk in the power of the indwelling Holy Spirit so that he will bear fruit to the glory of God and not fulfill the lusts of the flesh. (*John 14:16-17, 26; 15:26-27; 16:7-15; Acts 1:8; Rom. 8:9, 14; 1 Cor. 2:10-11; 6:19; 12:4-13; 2 Cor. 3:18; Gal. 5:16-18, 22-23; Eph. 4:30; 5:18-21*)

We believe that all people are lost sinners and cannot see the kingdom of God, except through the new birth, which takes place through repentance of sin and faith toward God. Justification is by grace through faith in Jesus Christ alone. (*John 1:11-13; 3:16; 5:24; 10:28-30; 14:6; Rom. 3:23-26; 6:23; Eph. 2:8-10; Titus 3:5; Heb. 7:24-25; 1 Pet. 1:18-19; 1 John 5:11-13*)

We believe that Jesus Christ is the Head of the Church, which is His body and is made up of all those who are joined to Him through saving faith. Locally, the church is a group of believers who have covenanted together to gather regularly for the preaching of God's Word, worship and prayer, mutual edification, fellowship, and participation in the ordinances (baptism and the Lord's Supper). The church seeks to glorify God by fulfilling His mandate of proclaiming the gospel and making disciples throughout the world. (*Acts 2:41-47; 1 Cor. 12:13; Eph. 4:11-16; Col. 1:18; Heb. 10:25; Matt. 5:13-16*)

We believe that Jesus Christ will personally and visibly return in glory to raise the dead and bring salvation and judgment to completion. God will fully manifest His kingdom when He establishes a new heaven and new earth, in which He will be glorified forever and will exclude all evil, suffering, and death. (*John 14:2-3; Rom. 14:10-12; 1 Cor. 15:51-54; 2 Cor. 5:10; 1 Thess. 4:15-17; Rev. 20:11-15; 22:12-17*)