

## Statement of Faith

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### 1. The Word of God

We believe the Bible to be the inspired, the only infallible, authoritative Word of God, revealing the love of God to the world.

(1 Thessalonians 2:13; 2 Timothy 3:15-17; John 3:16)

### 2. The Nature of God

We believe that there is one God, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

(Matthew 28:19; John 10:30; Ephesians 4:4-6)

#### 3. The Lord Jesus Christ

We believe in the deity of the Lord Jesus Christ—His virgin birth, His sinless life, His miracles, His vicarious and atoning death through His shed blood on the cross, His bodily resurrection, His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and His personal return in power and glory.

(Matthew 1:23; John 1:1-4, 1:29; Acts 1:11, 2:22-24; Romans 8:34; 1 Corinthians 15:3-4; 2 Corinthians 5:21; Philippians 2:5-11; Hebrews 1:1-4, 4:15)

#### 4. The Salvation of Man

We believe that all men everywhere are lost and face the judgment of God. Jesus Christ is the only way of salvation. Repentance of sin and faith in Jesus Christ results in regeneration by the Holy Spirit. God will reward the righteous with eternal life in heaven and will banish the unrighteous to everlasting punishment in hell.

(Luke 24:46-47; John 14:6; Acts 4:12; Romans 3:23; 2 Corinthians 5:10-11; Ephesians 1:7, 2:8-9; Titus 3:4-7)

## 5. The Work of the Holy Spirit

We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit, whose indwelling enables the Christian to live a godly life.

(John 3:5-8; Acts 1:8, 4:31; Romans 8:9; 1 Corinthians 2:14; Galatians 5:16-18; Ephesians 6:12; Colossians 2:6-10)

#### 6. The Resurrection

We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost—the saved unto the resurrection of eternal life, and the lost unto the resurrection of damnation and eternal punishment.

(1 Corinthians 15:51-57; Revelation 20:11-15)

### 7. The Church

We believe in the spiritual unity of believers in the Lord Jesus Christ and that all true believers are members of His body, the Church.

(1 Corinthians 12:12, 27; Ephesians 1:22-23)

#### 8. The Mission

We believe that the ministry of evangelism (proclaiming the message of salvation by grace through faith in Jesus Christ) and discipleship (helping followers grow in maturity in Christ) is a responsibility of all believers.

(Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 1:8; Romans 10:9-15; 1 Peter 3:15)

# 9. Marriage and Sexuality

We believe God's plan for human sexuality is to be expressed only within the context of marriage. God created man and woman as unique biological persons made for each other. Marriage is exclusively the union of one genetic male and one genetic female.

(Genesis 2:24; Matthew 19:5-6; Mark 10:6-9; Romans 1:26-27; 1 Corinthians 6:9)

### 10. Commitment to Service

We believe that we must dedicate ourselves to prayer, to the service of our Lord, to His authority over our lives, and to the ministry of evangelism.

(Matthew 9:35-38; 22:37-39; 28:18-20; Acts 1:8; Romans 10:9-15, 12:20-21; Galatians 6:10; Colossians 2:6-10; 1 Peter 3:15)

## 11. The Sanctity of Life

We believe that human life is sacred from conception to its natural end; and that we must have concern for the physical and spiritual needs of our fellowman.

(Psalm 139:13; Isaiah 49:1; Jeremiah 1:5; Matthew 22:37-39; Romans 12:20-21; Galatians 6:10)

## 12. The Image of God in Creation

We believe that God wonderfully and immutably creates each person male or female. These two distinct but complementary sexes together reflect the image and likeness of God. Rejection of one's biological sex is a rejection of God's merciful design and creative order.

(Genesis 1:26-27; 1 Corinthians 6:9; Deuteronomy 22:5)