



## Statement of Beliefs

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### i. God

There is one living and true God, an infinite, all-knowing Spirit, perfect in all His attributes. He is one, eternally existing in three Persons—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—each equally deserving worship and obedience.

#### God the Father

God the Father reigns over His universe. He is sovereign over all creation. He is the author of human history - past, present and future. He works out His purposes according to His sovereign will and grace. He is all powerful, all knowing, all loving, and all wise.

#### God the Son - Jesus Christ

Jesus Christ is the Son of God. Jesus Christ is fully God and fully man. He was born of the virgin Mary; he lived a sinless life on earth and died a substitutionary atoning death on the cross. We believe in his bodily resurrection and victorious ascension into heaven. We believe in his current reign and future return. He is the only mediator between God the Father and man.

#### God the Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit is God and He is a personal being. He inspired the Scriptures. He enables people to understand the Scriptures. He convicts people of sin, righteousness, and judgment. He exalts Christ. He calls people to the Saviour, and effects regeneration. At the moment of regeneration, He comes and lives in the believer, where he cultivates and sanctifies Christian character. The Holy Spirit enlightens and empowers believers in worship, evangelism, and service. He seals the believer for the day of final redemption.

### ii. The Bible

The Bible is the final authority on all things, it is divinely inspired by God, without error, and given to man so that we may know and understand the truth, will and love of God.

### iii. Salvation

Belief in Jesus Christ and his sacrificial death is the sole and all-sufficient grounds of salvation from sin and from its eternal consequences. All people have a Spirit, which is created to exist forever. Every person will either exist eternally in union with God in heaven, through accepting and believing what Jesus has done for them, or eternally exist in hell under God's judgment as a result of refusing to believe and trust in what Jesus has done for them. Salvation is not something that can be purchased or earned by doing good works. It is a free gift from God and is received by grace through faith.

#### Depravity

As a result of the fall we are all born into sin, we have a sinful nature, meaning we are unable to see our need for a saviour solely by ourselves, nor can we understand the spiritual things of God in our own strength. It is God who opens our Spiritual eyes and gives us the gift of faith to see our need for a saviour.

#### Security

All true believers, once saved, are kept by God's power and are thus secure in Christ forever. We believe that it is the privilege of believers to rejoice in the assurance of their salvation through the testimony of God's Word, which, however, clearly forbids the use of Christian freedom as a basis for sinful living.

### iv. The Church

All who place their faith in Jesus Christ are immediately placed by the Holy Spirit into one united spiritual Body, of which Christ is the Head. The church is believers themselves and not a building.

#### Baptism

Christian baptism is the immersion of a believer in water in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. It is a public act of obedience to Christ symbolizing the believer's faith in a crucified, buried, and risen Savior. It symbolizes the believer's death to sin, the burial of the old life, and the resurrection to walk in newness of life in Jesus Christ.

#### Communion

Bread and wine are symbols of Jesus' great sacrifice for us. The practice of taking these elements in fellowship with other believers allows us to remember what Jesus did for us, celebrate what we receive as a result of his sacrifice, and look forward to his return.

#### Spiritual Gifts

We believe in the use of spiritual gifts under the guidelines of Scripture.

#### Gender

God created male and female in his image, we affirm that the Scriptures point to men and women being of total equal worth, significance and importance before God. God created men and women equal in value to Him, yet he made men and women uniquely different, giving them different roles to complement each other in marriage and in the church.

## Biblical References

### i. God

Deuteronomy 6:4; Isaiah 45:5-7; 1 Corinthians 8:4; John 4:24; Matthew 28:19; 2 Corinthians 13:14.

#### God the Father

Genesis 1:1; 2:7; Exodus 3:14; 6:2-3; 15:11; 20:1ff.; Leviticus 22:2; Deuteronomy 6:4; 32:6; 1 Chronicles 29:10; Psalm 19:1-3; Isaiah 43:3,15; 64:8; Jeremiah 10:10; 17:13; Matthew 6:9; 7:11; 23:9; 28:19; Mark 1:9-11; John 4:24; 5:26; 14:6-13; 17:1-8; Acts 1:7; Romans 8:14-15; 1 Corinthians 8:6; Galatians 4:6; Ephesians 4:6; Colossians 1:15; 1 Timothy 1:17; Hebrews 11:6; 12:9; 1 Peter 1:17; 1 John 5:7.

#### God the Son - Jesus Christ

Genesis 18:1; Psalms 2:7; 110:1; Isaiah 7:14; 53; Matthew 1:18-23; 3:17; 8:29; 11:27; 14:33; 16:16,27; 17:5; 27; 28:1-6,19; Mark 1:1; 3:11; Luke 1:35; 4:41; 22:70; 24:46; John 1:1-18,29; 10:30,38; 11:25-27; 12:44-50; 14:7-11; 16:15-16,28; 17:1-5, 21-22; 20:1-20,28; Acts 1:9; 2:22-24; 7:55-56; 9:4-5,20; Romans 1:3-4; 3:23-26; 5:6-21; 8:1-3,34; 10:4; 1 Corinthians 1:30; 2:2; 8:6; 15:1-8,24-28; 2 Corinthians 5:19-21; 8:9; Galatians 4:4-5; Ephesians 1:20; 3:11; 4:7-10; Philippians 2:5-11; Colossians 1:13-22; 2:9; 1 Thessalonians 4:14-18; 1 Timothy 2:5-6; 3:16; Titus 2:13-14; Hebrews 1:1-3; 4:14-15; 7:14-28; 9:12-15,24-28; 12:2; 13:8; 1 Peter 2:21-25; 3:22; 1 John 1:7-9; 3:2; 4:14-15; 5:9; 2 John 7-9; Revelation 1:13-16; 5:9-14; 12:10-11; 13:8; 19:16.

#### God the Holy Spirit

Genesis 1:2; Judges 14:6; Job 26:13; Psalms 51:11; 139:7; Isaiah 61:1-3; Joel 2:28-32; Matthew 1:18; 3:16; 4:1; 12:28-32; 28:19; Mark 1:10,12; Luke 1:35; 4:1,18-19; 11:13; 12:12; 24:49; John 4:24; 14:16-17,26; 15:26; 16:7-14; Acts 1:8; 2:1-4,38; 4:31; 5:3; 6:3; 7:55; 8:17,39; 10:44; 13:2; 15:28; 16:6; 19:1-6; Romans 8:9-11,14-16,26-27; 1 Corinthians 2:10-14; 3:16; 12:3-11,13; Galatians 4:6; Ephesians 1:13-14; 4:30; 5:18; 1 Thessalonians 5:19; 1 Timothy 3:16; 4:1; 2 Timothy 1:14; 3:16; Hebrews 9:8,14; 2 Peter 1:21; 1 John 4:13; 5:6-7; Revelation 1:10; 22:17.

### ii. The Bible

Matthew 5:18; 24:35; John 10:35; 16:12-13; 17:17; 1 Corinthians 2:13; 2 Timothy 3:15-17; Hebrews 4:12; 2 Peter 1:20-21.

### iii. Salvation

Titus 3:5; John 1:12; Ephesians 1:7; 2:8-10; 1 Peter 1:18-19; Romans 10:9; Acts 4:12; John 14:6; John 6:44; John 15:1-27; John 3; Matthew 25:46; John 14:2-3; John 5:22-29; Matthew 25:41; John 17:3; Gal. 6:8; Mark 9: 43-38, 2 Thess. 1:9; Revelation 20:11-15.

#### Depravity

Rom. 3:9-20; John 3:19-20; John 8:34-36; Mark 7:21-23; Titus 1:15; Eph. 2:1,5; Col. 2:13; Rom. 8:7; John 14:17; John 8:43-44, 47; 1 Cor. 2:14; 2 Cor. 4:3-4; John 6:44; John 6:65; John 3:27; Rom. 9:16; 1 Cor. 1:30; 1 Cor. 4:7; John 15:5; Phil. 2:13; Luke 19:10.

#### Security

John 5:24; 6:37-40; 10:27-30; Romans 5:9-10; 8:1, 31-39; 1 Corinthians 1:4-8; Ephesians 4:30; Hebrews 7:25; 13:5; 1 Peter 1:5; Jude 24; Romans 6:15-22; 13:13-14; Galatians 5:13, 25-26; Titus 2:11-14.

### iv. The Church

1 Corinthians 12:12-13; 2 Corinthians 11:2; Ephesians 5:23-32; Revelation 19:7-8; Ephesians 1:22; 4:15; Colossians 1:18.

#### Baptism

Acts 2:36, 38; Acts 16:29-34; Acts 10:48; Matt. 28:16-20; Matt 3:16; Luke 3:21; 1 Peter 3:21; Col. 2:12; Gal. 3:27.

#### Communion

Luke 22:19-20; Luke 24:30; Matt. 26:26-28; Mark 14:23-24; Acts 2:42-46; Acts 20:7; 1 Cor. 11:17-34.

#### Spiritual Gifts

1 Peter 4:10-11, 1 Corinthians. 12-14, Romans 12:6-8, Ephesians. 4:11, 2 Timothy 1:6-7.

#### Gender

Genesis 1:26-28, Genesis 2:18, Eph. 5:1-33, 1 Cor. 11:3, Gal. 3:28, 1 Tim. 2:9-15, Heb. 13:4, Titus 2:3-5, 1 Peter 3:1-7, Col. 3:18-19.