

# What We Believe

## STATEMENT OF FAITH

1. There is one God, who is perfect, existing in three persons, God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit.
2. Jesus Christ is true God and true man. He was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He died upon the cross, the Just for the unjust, as a substitutionary sacrifice and all who believe in Him are justified on the grounds of His shed blood. He arose bodily from the dead according to the Scriptures. He is now at the right hand of the Majesty on high as our great High Priest. He will come again to establish His kingdom of righteousness and peace.
3. The Holy Spirit is a divine person, sent to live within, guide, teach, empower the believer, and convince the world of sin, of righteousness and of judgment.
4. We believe that the Bible, consisting of the 66 books of the Old and New Testaments, is the revelation of God to mankind, is fully inspired by Him, is infallible, and the supreme, final authority for all Christian faith and conduct. 2 Tim. 3:16-17; 1 Peter 1:21; 1 Cor. 2:13; Deut. 29:29; 2 Tim. 3:15; John 10:35.
5. Man was originally created in the image and likeness of God; he fell through disobedience, incurring thereby both physical and spiritual death. All men are born with sinful nature, are separated from God, and can be saved only through the atoning work of the Lord Jesus Christ. The portion of the impenitent and unbelieving is existence forever in conscious torment; and that of the believer, is everlasting joy and bliss.
6. Salvation has been provided through Jesus Christ for all men; and those who repent and believe in Him are born again of the Holy Spirit, receive the gift of eternal life, and become the children of God.
7. It is the will of God that each believer should be filled with the Holy Spirit and be sanctified wholly, being separated from sin and the world and fully dedicated to the will of God, thereby receiving power for the holy living and effective service. This is both a crisis and a progressive experience wrought in the life of the believer subsequent to conversion.
8. We believe that the Church of Jesus Christ is the universal company of God's redeemed people. His body, of which He is the head, His bride, whom He loves infinitely, and His temple, in which He dwells. This universal body of Christ is visibly expressed in local assemblies whose purpose it is to glorify God through worship, fellowship, instruction in God's Word, observing the ordinances and training in service to the world. 1 Peter 2:9; Eph. 1:22-23; 5:25-27.
9. There shall be a bodily resurrection of the just and of the unjust: for the former, a resurrection unto life; the latter, a resurrection unto judgment.
10. The second coming of the Lord Jesus Christ is imminent, personal, and will be visible. This is the believer's hope and is a vital truth which is an incentive to holy living and faithful service.

