

# **Our Statement of Faith**

## The Trinity

We believe in the one true and Living God. We believe that the Godhead exists co-equally and co-eternally in three persons: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. (Matt 28:18 – 20) (Acts 2:32-33) (2 Cor 13:14) (Ephesians 1:13)

## **Authority of Scripture**

We believe that Almighty God, in His great goodness, has revealed all that is necessary to life and salvation in the sixty-six books of Holy Scripture which are the Word of God. All Scripture, God-breathed, is infallible, inerrant, and profitable in all matters of faith and practice. Its authority is derived from its Author and not from the opinions of men.

#### Person and work of Jesus Christ

We believe in the true and proper deity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, His complete humanity, sinless life, and authoritative Teaching. We also believe in His substitutionary and atoning sacrifice through His shed blood, His bodily resurrection, and ascension to the Right Hand of the Father. We believe in His Heavenly Intercession as High Priest after the order of Melchizedek and His Second advent to receive His Church. He was entirely God and entirely Man.

(Matt 1:18-22) (Is 53) (Acts 2:30-36) (Heb 7:20-28) (1 Thes 4:13-18)

### **Salvation**

We believe in man's total depravity of sin since the fall of Adam, rendering man subject to God's wrath and condemnation, and the necessity for salvation solely by the Grace of God through repentance and faith in Jesus Christ by which the sinner is pardoned and accepted as Righteous in God's sight.

(Rom 3:23) (Rom 6:23) (Mk 1:14-15) (Ephes 2:8-9)

#### Reason for the death of Christ

We believe that Jesus Christ, God's Son, died at Calvary to make propitiation, reconciliation, redemption, and atonement for His elect people. God bore testimony to His acceptance of His Son's work by raising Him from the dead for our justification.

(1 John 2:1-2) (Rom 8:30) (Rom 8:33-34)

## **Holy Spirit**

We believe that the Holy Spirit has been sent from heaven to glorify Christ and to apply His work of salvation. The mystery of His all-powerful work brings those dead in sin into spiritual life. They hear the call of God through His Word and are given the desire and ability to repent of sin and believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as their Saviour and Lord. The Holy Spirit indwells all believers, brings assurance of salvation, and produces increasing likeness to Christ. He builds up His Church and empowers its members for worship, service, and love.

#### The Church

We believe that the local Church is under the authority of Christ alone. The unity of the body of Christ is expressed within and between churches by mutual love, care, and encouragement. True fellowship between churches exists when they are faithful to the Gospel. (Galatians)

## **The Great Commission**

We believe that the Church is commissioned by the Lord Jesus Christ to preach the Gospel of the Kingdom of God and to make Disciples of all nations. (Matt 28:18-20) (Matt 24:14)

### **Social Action**

We believe in Christ-centred Social Action, demonstrating the love & compassion of Jesus Christ in the community by providing and caring for the poor, youth, hungry, needy, homeless, widows, orphans, prisoners, the elderly, the disabled, and other vulnerable members of society. (Matt 25:31-40) (James 1:27)

#### The imminent return of Jesus Christ.

We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ shall come again to judge all people, to raise the dead, both righteous and unrighteous and that the righteous shall be glorified and enjoy everlasting life and the wicked endure eternal punishment.

(Matt 24:30) (John 14:1-3) (Acts 1:9-11) (Rev 22)