

Statement of Faith

We believe:

- 1 In the one, true and living God who eternally exists in three Persons: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, who are the same in being and equal in power and glory. (Exodus 34:6-7, Deuteronomy 6:4, Matthew 28:19, John 1:1-18, Colossians 2:9, 2 Corinthians 3:17-18; Revelation 4:8).
- 2 That the entire Bible (both Old and New Testaments) is the Word of God, divinely inspired, free from error in the original manuscripts and completely trustworthy, the supreme authority in all matters of faith and practice, the final revelation of God's mind and will, and reveals all that is necessary for salvation and life. (2 Timothy 3:15-17, Psalm 19:7-9, 2 Peter 1:20-21, 1 Thessalonians 2:13, Hebrews 1:1-2)
- 3 In the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who along with the Son and the Spirit, created out of nothing all things visible and invisible, with human beings, made in His image, as His special creation. (Genesis 1:1-2, 1:26, Colossians 1:15-17, Revelation 4:11).
- 4 That all human beings are sinful, guilty of rebellion against God and consequently deserving of God's wrath. (Romans 3:10-12, 3:21, Ephesians 2:1-3).
- 5 In the deity and humanity of our Lord Jesus Christ, both true God and true man; His conception by the Holy Spirit, virgin birth and sinless humanity. (Colossians 2:9, John 1:1-3, 1:14, Matthew 1:20-23, 2 Corinthians 5:21, Hebrews 4:15)
- 6 In the substitutionary death of the Lord Jesus on the cross for the forgiveness of sins, His bodily resurrection and ascension into heaven, His present reign in heaven and on earth, His ongoing priesthood, and His personal, visible return in power and glory to judge the living and the dead and make all things new. (Luke 24:46-47, 1 Peter 2:24, 1 Timothy 2:5, Hebrews 1:3, Matthew 28:18-20, Acts 17:30-31, Hebrews 4:14-16, 1 Thessalonians 1:10, 4:13-17, Revelation 1:7, 21:5).
- 7 In God's provision of full salvation from the penalty and power of sin through the once for all sacrifice of Jesus Christ in His death on the cross; a person being called to repentance and faith in Jesus Christ, and being justified freely by God's grace alone through faith alone in the person and work of Christ alone, and not by any works or personal merit. (Romans 3:21-26, 1 Peter 3:18, Acts 4:12, 16:30-31, 17:30, Ephesians 2:8-9).
- 8 In the work of the Holy Spirit: convicting people of sin, righteousness and judgement to come; drawing sinners to repentance and faith in Jesus Christ; immediately regenerating and indwelling those who believe, and increasingly conforming believers into the likeness of the Lord Jesus in thought, word and deed. (John 16:7-11, John 3:1-8, Titus 3:4-7, 1 Corinthians 3:16, Romans 8:29, Galatians 5:22-23).
- 9 That God the Father graciously adopts as His children all those who come to Him through the Son and provides them with all things necessary for a godly life. (John 1:12, Romans 8:14-17, 1 John 3:1, 2 Peter 1:3).
- 10 In the consciousness of each person beyond death, the resurrection of the body, the final judgement, the saved will enjoy everlasting life in a new and perfect creation in the presence of God, and the unrepentant will endure everlasting punishment. (2 Corinthians 5:6-8, John 5:28-29, 1 Corinthians 15:20-21, Matthew 25:31-46, Revelation 20:11-15, 21:1-5).

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- 11 In the existence, person and evil nature of Satan, his defeat by Christ's work at the cross and his eventual everlasting punishment. (Matthew 4:1, John 8:44, 1 Peter 5:8, Colossians 2:15, Revelation 20:10).
- 12 In the one, universal church which is the body of Jesus Christ, to which all who have been born of the Holy Spirit belong, and of which Christ is the head. (1 Corinthians 12:13, Ephesians 1:22-23, 2:19-22, Colossians 1:18).
- 13 In the regular local gathering of believers to worship God together, mutually encourage one another, build up the body of Christ, proclaim the Word of God, be equipped for works of service and bear witness to the saving power of the gospel. (Hebrews 10:24-25, 12:22-25, Acts 14:21-24, 20:28, Ephesians 3:10-11, 4:11-16, 1 Timothy 3:14-16).
- 14 In the baptism of believers in water upon their confession of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ (our practice is immersion); and in sharing the Lord's Supper as a remembrance of Christ and his atoning death until He returns. (Matthew 28:18-20, 1 Corinthians 11:23-26).
- 15 That the Lord Jesus has commissioned all believers to be His witnesses and ambassadors, to proclaim the gospel and make disciples of all nations. (Matthew 28:18-20, Acts 1:8, 2 Corinthians 5:20).