

# Statement of Faith

## **THE BIBLE**

The Bible is the only book that is the Divinely inspired, inerrant Word of the living God. It is the revelation of His mind and will to man. The Bible is our all-sufficient guide for salvation, and for every area of life. We believe in the absolute authority of the Word of God, the Bible.

## **GOD**

We believe in one God who is the Creator of all, eternally existing in three persons: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

## **THE PERSON OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST**

We believe that Jesus Christ is true God and true man, begotten of the Holy Spirit, born of a virgin, and that He eternally was and is perfect and sinless.

## **CREATION**

We believe that God created the universe in 6 consecutive 24-hour days.

## **MANKIND**

Mankind (in the persons of Adam and Eve) is the special creation of God and through disobedience they fell in the Garden of Eden. Through this fall all of mankind has inherited a sinful nature that inclines him to sin. Man is absolutely unable to do anything to save himself from his sin and eternal punishment by his own works.

## **THE WORK OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST**

We believe in the finished work of the Lord Jesus Christ upon the cross of Calvary, where He offered Himself up without spot to God to fully pay for all our sins. Through which sacrifice once for all Christ has affected complete and eternal redemption, God having set His seal of approval on the work of Christ by the literal bodily resurrection of Christ from the dead. Furthermore Christ is also glorified and ascended to heaven where He is enthroned at the right hand of God, interceding for those who belong to Him.

## **SALVATION**

We believe that every person who truly believes on Christ, by faith resting completely on His finished work as the only righteous ground on which a Holy God can forgive and deliver from sin, is immediately and eternally saved, and this salvation once obtained can never be lost. All who by faith receive the Lord Jesus Christ as Savior are born again, become a new creation, are personally and permanently indwelt by God the Holy Spirit, and baptized into the body of Christ which is the Church. There is no other means of salvation other than through Jesus Christ.

## **TWO ETERNAL FUTURES**

We believe in the literal bodily resurrection of the just and the unjust, the everlasting blessedness of the saved, and the everlasting conscious punishment of the lost.

## **THE CHURCH**

The Church is never a building but rather a people, comprised of all in every place who have received Christ as Savior. There is but one Church of which Christ alone is the Head. The gatherings of the saints are according to Scripture to be a place where the saints are edified and built up in His Word, and as such are not the place for tongues according to 1 Corinthians 14.

## **THE SECOND COMING OF CHRIST TO THE EARTH**

We believe in the personal and physical future coming of the Lord Jesus Christ first in the air to Rapture (catch up) His Church, judge the world in tribulation, and then to return physically to establish His Kingdom on earth, and reign in righteousness with His saints.