

## **OUR STATEMENT OF FAITH**

**INSPIRED WORD OF GOD** We believe that the Bible (i.e., the Old and New Testaments, excluding the Apocrypha) is the inspired Word of God, the infallible, all-sufficient rule for faith and practice. (2 Timothy 3:15-16; 2 Peter 1:21)

**THE UNITY OF ONE TRUE AND LIVING GOD:** We believe in the unity of the One True and Living God, who is the Eternal, Self-Existent "I AM" who has also revealed Himself as One being co-existing in three Persons – Father, Son and the Holy Spirit. (Deuteronomy 6:4; Mark 12:29; Matthew 28:19; 2 Corinthians 13:14)

**LIFE OF JESUS:** We believe in the virgin birth, sinless life, miraculous ministry, substitutionary atoning death, bodily resurrection, triumphant ascension and abiding intercession of the Lord Jesus Christ and His personal, visible, bodily return in power and glory as the blessed hope of all believers.

(Isaiah 7:14; Matthew 1:23; Luke 24:39; Acts of Apostles 1:9, 2:22 and 10:38; Romans 8:34; I Corinthians 15:4, 22-24 and 51-57; II Corinthians 5:21; Ephesians 4:8-10; I Peter 2:22; I Thessalonians 4:13-18; Hebrews 7: 25-26 and 9:12; Revelations 20:1-6)

**FALL OF MAN** We believe in the fall of man, who was created pure and upright but fell by voluntary transgression. (Genesis 1:26-31, 3:1-7; Romans 5:12-21)

**SALVATION THROUGH FAITH:** We believe in salvation through faith in Christ, who, according to the Scriptures, died for our sins, was buried and was raised from the dead on the third day, and through His Blood, we have Redemption. (Titus 2:11, 3:5-7; Romans 10:8-15; 1 Corinthians 15:3-4)

**NEW BIRTH:** This experience is also known as the new birth and is an instantaneous and complete operation of the Holy Spirit upon initial faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. (John 3:5-6; James 1:18; 1 Peter 1:23; 1 John 5:1)

**BAPTISM BY IMMERSION IN WATER:** We believe that all who have truly repented and believed in Christ as Lord and Saviour are commanded to be baptised by immersion in water. (Matt. 28:19; Acts of Apostles 10:47-48; Acts of Apostles 2:38-39)

**BAPTISM IN THE HOLY SPIRIT:** We believe in the baptism in the Holy Spirit as an enduement of the believer with power for service, the essential, biblical evidence of which is the speaking with other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance. (Acts of Apostles 1:4-5, 8, 2:4, 10:44-46, 11:14-16, 19:6)

**THE GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT** We believe in the operation of the gifts of the Holy Spirit and the gifts of Christ in the Church today. (Corinthians 12:4-11, 28; Ephesians 4:7-16)

**HOLINESS OF LIFE:** We believe in the holiness of life and conduct in obedience to the command of God. (Peter 1:14-16; Hebrews 12:14; 1 Thessalonians 5:23; 1 John 2:6)

**DIVINE HEALING:** We believe that deliverance from sickness, by Divine Healing, is provided for in the Atonement. (Isaiah 53:4-5; Matthew 8:16-17; James 5:13-16)

**BREAKING OF THE BREAD:** We believe that all who have truly repented and believe in Christ as Lord and Saviour should regularly participate in the Breaking of Bread. (Luke 22:14-20; 1 Corinthians 11:20-34)

**RESURRECTION OF ALL WHO TRULY BELIEVE IN JESUS CHRIST** We believe in the bodily resurrection of all men, the everlasting conscious bliss of all who truly believe in our Lord Jesus Christ and the everlasting conscious punishment of all whose names are not written in the Book of Life. (Daniel 12:2-3; John 5:28-29; 1 Corinthians 15:22-24; Matthew 25:46; 2 Thessalonians 1:9; Revelation 20:10-15)