

# *Statement of Faith*



**God the Father.** We believe there is only one true God, creator of all things. He is eternally existing in a loving unity of three equally divine persons - The Father, The Son and The Holy Spirit.

**Jesus Christ.** We believe Jesus Christ is the Son of God, who is fully God and fully man. We believe that He was eternally preexistent with the Father and the Holy Spirit, conceived through the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. Jesus lived a sinless life and voluntarily atoned for the sins of men by dying on the cross as their substitute. Jesus rose from the dead and ascended to the right hand of the Father where He continues to intercede on our behalf.

**Holy Spirit.** We believe the Holy Spirit continually indwells believers from the moment of salvation and seals them until the day of Christ's return. He indwells, guides, equips and empowers believers for Christ-like living, personal sanctification, building up the Church, and gifting us for ministry.

**Salvation.** We believe that salvation is by grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone. Salvation is a free gift that must be accepted and cannot be earned, inherited or bought.

**The Bible.** We believe that the Bible is the Word of God, inspired by the Spirit of God, without error and thus the supreme source of truth for Christian beliefs and living.

**The Church.** We believe the true Church is composed of all believers throughout the world who have personally trusted Jesus Christ as Savior and publicly confessed Him as Lord. The Church exists to worship God, disciple and care for believers and preach the gospel to all nations.

**Missions.** We believe that God has called the Church to work together in unity and honor always bearing witness to the gospel in word and deed. Christ has commissioned believers to make disciples among all people and to live out our faith with love for one another, compassion toward the poor and justice for the oppressed.

**Eternity.** We believe in the imminent, visible, bodily return of Jesus Christ for His victorious bride who will reign forever with Him in righteousness. We also believe that when unbelievers die they will be eternally separated from the presence of God in hell.

**Miraculous and Spiritual Gifts.** We believe God continues to work in the world today in any way He chooses. All the spiritual gifts seen in the New Testament church are active and available to present day believers through the power of the Holy Spirit.