

# **STATEMENT OF FAITH:**

## **God**

We believe in one God; existing in three persons: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit; Creator of all, holy, sovereign and eternal. \* See Gen. 1:1; Ex.3:14; Psm.90:2; Isa.55:8-9; Isa.57:15; Eph. 3:21; Isa.6:3; Psm. 111:3; Mal. 3:6; Heb. 13:8; Isa. 46:5; Ex.15:11; Psm.115:3; Eph.1:6-7, Acts 17:25-28; Neh. 9:32-33; Psm.5:5-6; Neh.1:2-3.

### **The Father**

We believe in the absolute and essential deity of God the Father. He is the Father of all life, the Father of the Son and Father of every true believer.

\* See John 4:24; 1 Cor.8:6; Eph.1:4-7; Ex.20:11; Eph.4:6; Jude 25; Heb.1:1-3; Rom.8:29-30.

### **The Son**

We believe in the absolute and essential deity of Jesus Christ, God's only begotten Son, in His eternal existence with the Father in preincarnate glory, in His virgin birth, sinless life, substitutionary death, bodily resurrection, triumphant ascension, mediatorial ministry and personal return.

\* See John 1:1-2; John 3:16; John 12:38-41; Isa.9:6; Col.1:15; Col.2:9; Heb.10:12; Heb.4:15; Mat.16:16.

### **The Holy Spirit**

We believe in the absolute and essential deity and personality of the Holy Spirit, who convicts of sin, of righteousness and of judgement; who regenerates, sanctifies, indwells, illuminates, comforts and commissions those who believe in Jesus Christ.

\* See Psm.139:7-10; 1 Cor.2:10; 1 Cor.12:11-15; Rom.15:19; Heb.9:14; 2 Pet.1:20-21; Acts 5:3-4; Mat.12:31-32; John. 16:8-11.

## **The Bible**

We believe the Bible to be the complete Word of God. The sixty-six books as originally written, were verbally inspired by the Spirit of God and free from error. The Bible is the final authority in all matters of faith and practice and the true basis of Christian unity.

\* See Heb.1:1-2; 1 Cor.2:14-16; 2 Tim.3:16-17; John 20:31; 1 John 5:13; John 17:17; 1 Thess.2:13; Rev.22:18-19

## **Satan**

We believe that Satan exists as an evil being, the originator of sin, the arch-enemy of God and man, subordinate to God, defeated by Christ on the cross.

\* See Ezek.28:11-19; Isa.14:12-14; John 8:44; Luke 10:18; Eph.6:10-20; Job 1-2; 2 Cor.4:4; Eph.4:27; James 4:7; Col.2:15; Rev.9; Rev.20:2,10.

## **Human Beings**

We believe that Adam and Eve were divinely created in the image of God; that man sinned,

becoming guilty before God, resulting in total depravity, thereby incurring physical and spiritual death.

\* See Gen.1:26-31; Gen.2:1-20; Gen.3:6; 1 Tim.2:14; Rom.5:12-14; Jer.17:9; Eph.2:1-3; Col.3:10; 2 Cor.5:17.

## **Salvation**

We believe that salvation is by the sovereign electing grace of God. By the appointment of the Father, Christ voluntarily suffered a vicarious, propitiatory death. Justification is by repentance and faith in the all-sufficient sacrifice and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ alone. Those whom God has effectually called shall be divinely preserved and finally perfected in the image of the Lord. \*

See Eph.1:4-11; Rom.8:29-31; Phil.2:5-8; 1 Pet.1:18-19; Rom.3:24-26; John 17:12; Eph.2:8-10; Eph.5:25; Heb.2:17; Heb.7:25; Heb.12:24; Heb.8:1-3.

