



STATEMENT OF FAITH

The Bible

We believe in the Divine inspiration, the infallibility and supreme authority of the Old and New Testaments in their entirety. They alone constitute the sole and absolute authority in all matters pertaining to Christian faith and practice.

Trinity

We believe there is one God, perfect and holy, existing eternally in three equal divine persons of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. God is the creator and sustainer of all things, both visible and invisible, the heavens, the earth and all that is contained in the universe.

Jesus Christ

We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ is the eternally existing only begotten Son of God, the Lord of all creation who was with God in the beginning and at the appointed time took the form of man, lived a sinless life and died on a cross, being raised again on the third day.

Virgin Birth

We believe that Jesus was the Word made flesh, supernaturally conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

Redemption

We believe that Jesus Christ lived a sinless life and died as a sacrifice on the cross, shedding His blood for the remission of sin for all mankind. He is the only source of salvation from the penalty and consequence of sin.

Resurrection

We believe that Jesus Christ rose from the dead in His own glorified body for man's justification, ascended into Heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

Salvation

We believe that all men are in a fallen sinful and lost condition as a result of the original sin of Adam and Eve who were created without sin. In this state of depravity man is helpless to save himself and is under the condemnation of God to eternal punishment in Hell. Salvation from this state is solely by grace and is received through genuine repentance toward God and trust in the Lord Jesus Christ. This experience is known as "new birth" and is an instantaneous and complete operation of the Holy Spirit who alone convicts men of sin, leads them to repentance, creates faith within them and regenerates. The regenerate person is indwelt by the Holy Spirit who imparts gifts and manifests fruits through the believer.

Second Coming

We believe the Lord Jesus Christ will visibly return to earth in person to establish His Kingdom. This will occur at a date undisclosed by scripture.

Kingdom of God

We believe that the Kingdom of God is made up of believers from all nations and denominations who are under the headship of the Lord Jesus Christ. The Church is the visible manifestation of the Body of Christ in the local community expressing itself through local congregations.

The Christian Life

We believe that the Christian life is expressed outwardly by conformity to the standards expressed in the Bible which is the sole and absolute authority in all matters pertaining to Christian faith and practice.

Our Christian Values

As a Christian body committed to our faith...

- **we worship God**
 - because he has demonstrated His love to us and deserves our highest praise
- **we seek to model the life of Christ**
 - because through Christ, God has shown us how he wants us to live
- **we uphold the standards of good and right acclaimed in the Bible**
 - because we believe that the Bible is God's Word
- **we rely on prayer and the Holy Spirit**
 - because we believe that God has provided these as a means of relating with Him
- **we spread the Good News and seek ways to serve God**
 - because we believe that all people should have the opportunity to respond to the love of God and make the world a better place in which to live

As individuals...

- **we act with integrity, self control & humility**
 - because we believe that God is just and holds us accountable for our actions
- **we practise moral values such as honesty, patience, justice & mercy**
 - because we believe that God wants us to follow His example of righteousness
- **we base our relationships on love, forgiveness & reconciliation**
 - because we believe that we should follow the example of Christ's love for us
- **we aspire to excellence and wisdom in the use of our abilities and talents for the benefit of others**
 - because we believe that these are gifts entrusted to us by God

As members of the community...

- **we seek to discover who we are and our place in the universe**
 - because we believe that we learn about God through his creation
- **we value the uniqueness of individuals and provide a nurturing, caring environment**
 - because we are all precious in God's sight
- **we show respect, tolerance and live in harmony with others**
 - because we believe in the equal right of all people to live in peace
- **we help those in need from a sense of compassion**
 - because we believe that we should love one another
- **we seek ways to sacrificially serve the community**
 - because we follow Christ's example of serving others

As mankind...

- **we have a hope for the future**
 - because we believe that we are created by God and redeemed by Jesus Christ

