



## STATEMENT OF FAITH

WE BELIEVE the Bible is God's written revelation to man. It is composed of sixty-six books which are divinely inspired and inerrant in all their parts. The Bible is infallible and the final authoritative source for faith and conduct (Psalm 12:6; 2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:21).

WE BELIEVE in the Genesis account of creation: that man was created directly in God's own image and after His own likeness - not by evolution; and that man was created in innocence, but voluntarily sinned. As a consequence, all men are now sinners, inclined to evil, and are under just condemnation without defense or excuse (Genesis 1:1-3:15).

WE BELIEVE there is one true and living God, eternally existent in three persons - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, coequal, perfect in their attributes, each deserving worship and obedience. God is the Creator and sustainer of all things which He miraculously accomplished by the Word of His power in six literal days (Genesis 1-2; Exodus 31:17; Deuteronomy 6:4; Isaiah 44:24; 48:16; John 1:3; 2 Corinthians 3:18; 13:14; Colossians 1:15; Hebrews 1:2).

WE BELIEVE Jesus Christ is the second person of the Trinity who possesses all the divine attributes. He is fully God and fully man. He was conceived miraculously through the virgin birth without losing any of His divine essence. He lived a sinless life out of obedience to the Father. His incarnation was for the purpose of revealing God, redeeming men, and ruling over God's kingdom. He accomplished our redemption through His shed blood on the cross. Three days later He rose from the dead and later ascended to heaven where He sits at the right hand of God waiting to return in great glory and power (Isaiah 7:14; John 1:14, 10:30; Acts 1:9-11; Philippians 2:5-11; Colossians 2:9; Hebrews 7:25; 1 Peter 1:18-19; Revelation 19:11-16).

WE BELIEVE in the Holy Spirit who is a divine person who regenerates sinful men and baptizes all of them into the body of Christ. He indwells, sanctifies, instructs, transforms, and empowers all believers for service (Romans 8:14-16; 1 Corinthians 2:7-14; 7:19-20; 12:13; 2 Corinthians 3:18; Titus 3:5).

WE BELIEVE in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost; they that are saved unto the resurrection of life [Heaven], and they that are lost unto the resurrection of eternal condemnation [the Lake of Fire] (John 5:28-29; Romans 8:11; Revelation 20:13-15).

WE BELIEVE in the absolute necessity of regeneration by the Holy Spirit for salvation. Due to man's depravity, he is unable to do or achieve anything that might merit salvation. Man must be justified on the single ground of faith in the shed blood of Jesus Christ. It is only because of God's grace and belief in Christ's atoning work that anyone can be saved from the penalty, power and ultimately the presence of sin (John 3:16-19; Romans 3:23-25; 5:1-11; Ephesians 2:8-9).

WE BELIEVE in the spiritual unity of all believers who have been born again through the Lord Jesus Christ and have been placed in the body of Christ, who is the Head of the Church. (Acts 5:12; Romans 8:9; 1 Corinthians 12:13; 2 Corinthians 12:12; Galatians 3:26-29; Colossians 1:18). For His creatures, God has instituted marriage as a way for men and women to enjoy companionship. Sexual intimacy is a wonderful gift of God that is only to be expressed between a man and a woman, as defined genetically, within the love and bonds of marriage. Therefore,

WE BELIEVE that any form of sexual intimacy outside of marriage is both immoral and a perversion of God's gift (Genesis 2:24-25; Leviticus 18:1-30; Proverbs 5:18; 6:32; Romans 1:26-27; 1 Corinthians 6:18; 7:5; 1 Thessalonians 4:3-5; Hebrews 13:4).