



Statement of Belief

The Bible

We believe the Bible, both Old and New Testament, to be the inspired Word of God, without error in the original writings, the complete revelation of God's will for the Salvation of people and the Divine and final authority for Christian faith and life.

2 Tim. 3:16-17, 2 Pet. 1:20-21, Matt. 5:18

God

We believe in one God, Creator of all things, infinitely perfect and eternally existing in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Deut. 6:4, 2 Cor. 13:14, Rev. 4:11, Heb. 1:3, 1 Cor. 8:6

Jesus Christ

We believe that Jesus Christ is true God and true man, having been conceived of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He died on the cross as a sacrifice for our sins according to the Scriptures.

Further, He arose bodily from the dead and ascended into Heaven, where at the right hand of the Majesty on High, He is our High Priest and Advocate. In the person of the Holy Spirit, He indwells the believer.

Is. 7:14, Matt. 1:18-25, 1 Cor. 15, Heb. 7, Jn 1:3-14, Rom. 3:24-25, Acts 1:9-11, 1 Pet. 2:21-25, 1 Jn 2:1-2

The Holy Spirit

We believe the ministry of the Holy Spirit is to glorify the Lord Jesus Christ and during this age to convict, regenerate, seal, indwell, guide, instruct and empower the believer for life and service (He convicts unbelievers too).

At the moment of salvation Jesus baptises each new believer in the Holy Spirit, into the church (the body of Christ). This act is called the "Baptism of the Spirit" and at that moment the Holy Spirit enters the life of the believer to dwell forever within them; they become a member of the body of Christ and He imparts to them at least one spiritual gift to be used and developed in service for our Lord.

We are commanded to continually "be being filled with the Spirit" because the transformed life of a new believer is only possible by the influence of the indwelling Holy Spirit through ongoing fillings of the Spirit.

As the Holy Spirit is the administrator of the world-wide body of believers He may call members to service elsewhere than our local church. All such calls by the Spirit would be with the involvement and blessing of the leadership.

Jn 1:33, 16:6-13, 1 Cor. 12:1-14, Eph. 1:13-14, Rom. 8:9, Tit. 3:5, Eph. 5:18, 1 Jn 2:20-27, Acts 13:1-4

Humanity

We believe people were created in the image of God but through disobedience fell into sin and as a result we are separated from God.

Gen. 1:26-27, Gen. 2:17, Gen. 3:6, 1 Cor. 15:21-22, Rom. 3:9-23, Eph. 2:1-3, Jn 3:36

Salvation for Mankind

We believe the shed blood of Jesus Christ provides the only grounds for justification and salvation for all who believe.

Those who receive Jesus Christ are born of the Holy Spirit and thus become the children of God.

Eph. 1:13-14, Eph. 2:4-10, Tit. 3:4-7, John 1:12, Jn 3:16-36, Jn 5:24, Rom. 5:9, Rom. 8:1

Baptism and Communion

We believe water baptism and the Communion are ordinances to be practiced by the Church. This church practices believer's baptism by immersion. Participation in Communion is open to all who love the Lord and are sound in faith and Godly living.

Matt. 28:19-20, Acts 2:38, Acts 8:12, Acts 8:38, Col. 2:12, Lk. 22:19-20, 1 Cor. 11:23-29

The Church

We believe the true Church is made up of all people who are regenerated by the Holy Spirit through saving faith in Jesus Christ. They are united together in the Body of Christ of which He is Lord and Head and are commissioned for the God-given task of proclaiming the Gospel to every person. Only those who are members of the true Church shall be eligible for membership in the local church. Every local Church has the right under Christ to decide and govern its own affairs.

Acts 2:41-42, Rom. 12:5, Eph. 1:22-23, Eph. 5:23-24, 1 Cor. 12:12-14, 2 Cor. 11:2, Acts 14:27

Christ's Return

We believe in the personal and imminent return of our Lord Jesus Christ and that this has vital implications for the personal life and service of the believer.

Mk 13:32, 1Thess. 4:13-18, Jn 14:3, 1 Cor. 15, Rev. 1

Judgement

We believe in the bodily resurrection of the dead; of the believer to everlasting favour and happiness with the Lord, and of the unbeliever to judgement and eternal separation from God.

Mal. 3:18, Matt. 25:34-41, Jn 5:28-29, Rev. 20:4-6, Rev. 20:11-15, 1 Thess. 4:16-17, 2 Thess. 1:7-9, Dan. 12:2