

---

## STATEMENT OF FAITH

### SCRIPTURE

God inspired the Old and New Testaments of the Bible. These form the final authority for doctrine, faith and practice. They are true and trustworthy in everything they intend to teach.

2 Timothy 3:16-17 and Psalm 119:105

### GOD

The one and only true God exists eternally in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Compare Exodus 20:1-3 with John 20:28, Matthew 28:18-19 and 2 Corinthians 13:14.  
Also see Philippians 2:6, John 5:19, Genesis 1:1, Psalm 24:1 and Hebrews 11:3

### JESUS CHRIST

God the Father sent Jesus to redeem and reconcile the whole creation back to Himself, and to restore the relationship between God and humanity. He co-existed with God in eternity past, became a man, born of the virgin Mary, He lived a sinless life on earth. He was unjustly crucified, He died, was buried, and on the third day God bodily resurrected Him.

John 8:57-58, Micah 5:2, Matthew 1:23, 2 Corinthians 5:21, Acts 2:23-24 and 1Corinthians 15:20

### HOLY SPIRIT

God sent the Holy Spirit to convict people about their sinfulness, and to draw people to the forgiveness and freedom only found in Jesus. The Holy Spirit comforts, guides and gives power to those who believe in Jesus and is a guarantee of our eternal hope.

John 14:16-17, John 16:13-14 and 2 Corinthians 5:5

## **CREATION**

The one true God is the Creator and sustainer of all things in Heaven and on earth, and is the supreme ruler over all His creation. He created human beings, both male and female to reflect His image, to be in relationship with him, and to manage and nurture His creation. This is the source of all human dignity, purpose and worth.

Genesis 1:1, Psalm 24:1, Hebrews 11:3 and Genesis 1: 27

## **SATAN**

Satan is God's enemy, who opposes the work of God and His people, but Jesus Christ defeated Satan by dying on the cross.

John 8:44, Hebrews 2:14-15, Luke 11:17-22 and Revelation 20:3

## **SIN and THE FALL**

Humans were created free from the corruption of sin but chose to disobey God. Because of this disobedience, all humanity now live as sinners, will all die physically, and are alienated from God.

Genesis 3:6-17, Romans 5:12-15 and 1Corinthians 15:21-23

## **SALVATION**

Salvation is the sovereign work of God, through Jesus Christ, but humans remain responsible for their own actions and choices.

Jesus died and shed his blood in order to make the way for everything to be redeemed back to God. Everyone who turns from sin and believes in Jesus will be fully restored to God.

Jesus Christ now sits in the position of highest honour at the right hand of God, and God has given him authority over everything in heaven and on earth. Jesus Christ now calls all people to believe in Him, to be baptised and be taught to follow all His teaching.

John 1:12-13, Ephesians 1:4-5, Romans 3:19-24, Hebrews 9:13-14, Acts 4: 11-12, Colossians 1:20, Romans 8:19-21, Matthew 28:18 and Philippians 2:9-11

## **MARRIAGE and FAMILY**

Marriage is a good gift that God has given His people. It is a voluntary, lifelong union in which the husband (one man) and wife (one woman) remain in a faithful, committed relationship to one another. The marriage relationship is a reflection of God's love and commitment to His people, which reaches its ultimate fulfilment in the union between Jesus Christ and the church.

Genesis 1:27, Genesis 2:18-25, Matthew 19:4-6 and Ephesians 5:21-33

Each marriage establishes a new family. The husband and wife express mutual love and respect. It is the only God-appointed relationship designed for the expression of human sexuality. God-honoring family relationships provide a safe, stable environment for character development and the raising of children.

Colossian 3:18-4:1, Ephesians 5:21-6:9 and Titus 2:1-10

## **CHURCH**

All people who experience new life and saving faith in Jesus Christ make up the universal church. The church consists not only of the living but also those in past generations including the saints of old who belonged to Him.

The church's God-given task is the worship of God, and serving Him through teaching His word, doing good works, and spreading the good news about Him to others wherever they are.

Matthew 28:18-20, Mark 16:15, Titus 3: 8, 1 Corinthians 12:12-14, 1 Peter 2:4-5  
Galatians 3:6-9, Hebrews 11:39 and Ephesians 2:19-21

## **FELLOWSHIP**

Jesus Christ calls His people to meet together regularly, to worship God and celebrate the remembrance of Jesus' sacrifice in the Lord's supper. These meetings also serve for mutual encouragement, fellowship, accountability and teaching.

Hebrews 10:24-25, Galatians 6:2, Hebrews 13:17, John 8:44, Hebrews 2:14-15 and  
Matthew 12:29

## **KINGDOM**

Jesus Christ came to establish the Kingdom of God on earth. This Kingdom is the domain over which Jesus rules and reigns.

We are all called to partner with God in Kingdom work now, and it will reach its culmination when Jesus returns.

Matthew 4:17, Matthew 6:10, Matthew 9:35, Matthew 12:28, Colossians 1:20 and  
1 Corinthians 15:24-26

## **NEW CREATION**

Jesus will return a second time, to judge the living and the dead, to destroy death, and to establish His reign fully and finally, completing his work of salvation and bringing about the restoration of all things.

Those who have come to Him in repentance and faith will be welcomed into God's eternal Kingdom. Those who do not believe in Jesus Christ will be separated from God forever.

Daniel 2:44, Acts 1:10-11, 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18, 1 Corinthians 15:20-28, Colossians 1:19-20, Ephesians 1:9-10, Romans 8:19-21, 2 Peter 3:13, Revelation 21:1-4 and  
2 Thessalonians 1:9