



STATEMENT OF FAITH

God

We believe there is one true God who lives eternally in three persons, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. We believe this God is sovereign in creation, revelation, redemption and final judgement.

The Bible

We believe that the Bible, as originally given, is the inspired and infallible word of God, the supreme authority in all matters of belief and behaviour. We acknowledge the need for the Scriptures to be rightly interpreted under the guidance of the Holy Spirit and using the gifts of understanding that God has given to his people.

People

We affirm the dignity of all people made in God's image, conferring on us dignity and worth, enabling us to respond to Himself. We acknowledge that as a result of the fall of man, none is righteous, all have sinned and come short of God's glory and that all are subject to God's wrath and judgement.

Jesus Christ

We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ, God's incarnate Son, is fully God and truly human; he was born of a virgin; his humanity is real and sinless; he died on the cross, was raised bodily from death and is now reigning over heaven and earth. We believe that sinful human beings are redeemed from the guilt, penalty and power of sin only through the sacrificial death once and for all time of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ who himself bore our sin in his own body on the cross and so satisfied the wrath of God, enduring as a substitute the penalty of our sin. We affirm the bodily resurrection of Christ, the first fruits of our resurrection; his ascension to the Father, and his reign and mediation as the only Saviour of the world.

Salvation

We believe that those who have faith in Christ are pardoned of all their sin and accepted in God's sight only because of the righteousness of Christ credited to them; this justification is God's act of undeserved mercy, received solely by trust in Him and not by their own efforts.

The Holy Spirit

We believe that God the Holy Spirit alone makes the work of Christ effective to individual sinners enabling them to turn to God from sin and to trust in Jesus Christ. As well as uniting us with Christ in new birth, we believe that the Holy Spirit dwells in us, empowers our discipleship and enables our witness.

The Church

We believe that the Church is the body of Christ both local and universal of which he is the Head. We believe in the priesthood of all believers – given life by the Spirit and endowed with the Spirit's gifts to worship God and proclaim the gospel, promoting justice and love.

Christ's Commission

We acknowledge the commission of Christ to proclaim the gospel to all people, making them disciples, baptising them, and teaching them to obey him. We acknowledge the command of Christ to love our neighbours, resulting in service to the Church and to society, in seeking reconciliation for all with God and their fellows, in proclaiming liberty from every kind of oppression; and in spreading Christ's justice in an unjust world.

Christ's Return

We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ will return in person, to judge everyone, to execute God's just condemnation on those who have not repented and to receive the redeemed to eternal glory, and to establish a new heaven and a new earth.