

# Statement of Faith

## **GOD**

We believe in one God in three persons: the Father, Son and Holy Spirit (Dt 6:4, Mt 28:19, 1 Pet 1:2).

He is the Sovereign Lord, Creator and Sustainer of the universe (Gen 1:1, Rom 11:36), who Himself is without beginning or end (Col 1:16, Rev 1:8).

## **CHRIST**

We believe that Jesus Christ is the only Son of God (Mt 3:17, Jn 3:16) who being fully God, took on the role of a servant as a man (Phil 2: 6-8, Col 2:9) in order to become the mediator between ourselves and the Father (Jn 14:6, 2 Cor 5:20-21).

## **GOSPEL**

We believe that Jesus Christ was crucified, buried and raised bodily on the third day (1 Cor 15: 3-4), substantiating His claims as the Messiah (Jn 2:19-21) and making provision for the forgiveness of sins based upon His atoning sacrifice for our sakes (2 Cor 5:21).

## **BIBLE**

We believe the Bible is the inspired Word of God (2 Pet 1: 19-21). God's Word exists as our sole authority for faith and practice, being without error and accurate in its original record and relevant in its application to our daily lives (2 Tim 3:16-17).

## **PEOPLE**

We believe that people, both male and female, are created in God's own image and therefore matter to God (Gen 1:26-27), (as spiritual beings). All people possess personality, moral discernment, and the capacity to know the Creator God. Sin, however, is a barrier to our relationship with God (Gen 3:1-8, Rom 3:10-12) and impairs our capacity to know Him and lead God honouring lives (through Jesus Christ).

## **SALVATION**

We believe that no one can obtain forgiveness of sins except through the atoning work of Jesus (Rom 3:23, Jn 1:12). Leading a good life does not merit God's grace (Eph 2:9, Titus 3:5-6) but it is only through Christ's perfection that we are made right with the Father (Heb 10:14, Phil 3:7-9).

## **HOLY SPIRIT**

We believe that all who have received Christ are united into one body through the Holy Spirit (1Cor 12:12-13). Upon receiving Christ by faith, we receive the Holy Spirit, who acts to seal us in the family of God (Eph 1:13-14) and to empower us toward Christ like character (Gal 5:22-23) and loving service to one another (Phil 2:3-4, Eph 2:10).

## **END TIMES**

We believe the return of Jesus Christ may happen at any time. He will come to gather together those who love Him (1 Thess 4: 15-18), and to judge all evil (Mt 24: 27-31, Rev 1:7). He will restore all of creation and establish His Kingdom (Rev 19:21, Dan 7:27).

## **CHURCH LIFE**

We believe that as Christians we belong to each other, joined together, one body with Christ as the Head (1 Cor 12:12). It is our practice in coming together on Sunday, the day of our Lord's resurrection, to worship the risen Christ (Phil 2:9-11), to proclaim the good news (Acts 1:8, Mt 28:19-20), to encourage one another to love and do good deeds (Heb 10:24-25), and to receive training in right living (2 Tim 3:16-17). In obedience to Christ's commands, we embrace the teachings of baptism and communion.

- Communion. We remember His substitutionary death and bodily resurrection in the sharing of the Lord's Supper, signifying the redemptive work of Christ accomplished on the cross (1 Cor 11:23-26).
- Baptism. We encourage people to follow their commitment to Jesus by expressing their faith through baptism by immersion as an act of identification with Him and the new life He brings. (Rom 6:1-3).

## **UNITY**

We believe that God has given to each individual the understanding and responsibility to do God's will. Therefore, being accountable to God, Christians are not to despise their fellow believers but to accept one another as Christ's servants, allowing each other freedom of conscience. (Rom 14).

In essentials- unity, in non essentials- liberty, in everything grace & love.