

## **Our Statement of Beliefs**

**We believe God is one being in three persons — God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.**

He is the source of all creation (Gen. 1:1, John 1:1-2), which He sustains (Col. 1:17) and is in the process of redeeming (Rom. 8:19-22). God the Father loves us and desires that we have fellowship with Him as His children (I John 1:3).

**We believe Jesus is the incarnation of God the Son. He is the Word that became flesh (John**

1:14), and He now holds all authority in heaven and on earth (Matt. 28:18). He is Savior and Lord. He made human salvation possible through His life, death on the cross, and resurrection. He ascended into heaven where He is now our high priest and advocate. He is head of the church.

**We believe the Holy Spirit works actively in the world, seeking to glorify Jesus.**

The Holy Spirit convicts people of sin, righteousness, and judgment to come (John 16:5-11).

The Holy Spirit indwells believers individually and completely in the Church. The Holy Spirit develops within the Christian a pure heart which results in Christ-like character expressed in private and public conduct and action.

**We believe the Bible , the Old and New Testament Scriptures, is the uniquely inspired, infallible, and inerrant Word of God**

(2 Tim. 3:14-17; 2 Peter 1:16-21). The Bible is the rule of faith and practice for Christians. We affirm that Scripture is the authoritative revelation from God by which we know God's will and Christ's authority.

We seek to assert what the Scriptures clearly assert and allow freedom in other cases.

We seek to understand divine intent, through authorial intent, and we seek to apply its teaching to the contemporary church and culture.

**We believe that we are saved by God's grace through faith in Jesus Christ, and that the Bible teaches us to accept God's free gift of salvation by:**

- Believing in Jesus Christ as our resurrected Lord and Savior. (Hebrews 11:6, John 3:16-17)
- Repenting and turning away from sinful behavior. (Luke 13:3, Acts 2:38)
- Making a public confession of your faith in Jesus. (Matt. 10:32-33, Romans 10:10)
- Being baptized (immersed) in obedience to God. (Acts 2:38, Mark 16:16)
- Making a commitment to grow and mature in Christ. (Acts 2:42, Matt. 28:18-20)

**We believe that God wonderfully and immutably creates each person as male or female.** These two distinct, complementary sexes together reflect the image and nature of God (Gen. 1:26-27). Rejection of one's biological sex is a rejection of the image of God within that person.

**We believe the term "marriage" has only one meaning: the uniting of one man and one woman in a single, exclusive union, as delineated in Scripture** (Gen. 2:18-25). We believe that marriage between one man and one woman, for life, uniquely reflects Christ's relationship with His Church (Eph. 5:21-33). We believe that God intends sexual intimacy to occur only between a man and a woman who are married to each other (1 Cor. 6:18; 7:2-5; Heb. 13:4).

**We believe that God offers redemption and restoration to all who confess and forsake their sin, seeking His mercy and forgiveness through Jesus Christ** (Acts 3:19-21; Rom 10:9-10; 1 Cor. 6:9-11).

**We believe the Final Coming of Jesus is a time when Christ will personally come again as savior and judge of the world.** At that time, there will be a bodily resurrection of the dead believers to eternal life with God and unbelievers to eternal judgment. Sin will be no more and believers will live in fellowship with God forever (1 Thess. 4:13-18, Rev. 20:11-15).