



## Statement of Faith

We believe that God has revealed eternal truth to us in his inspired, inerrant word, the Bible, and that it alone is the basis of the Christian faith (2 Timothy 3:15–17, John 17:17).

We believe that there is one God, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. While God is three persons and each person of the trinity is deity, there are not three gods.

We believe that God created the universe and everything in it, and that he created humans as the crown of creation and as moral beings for a life of worship and service to God (Isaiah 43:7, Psalm 100).

We believe that we turned our back on God's will and purposes (that is, we 'sinned'), and in our rebellious and sinful condition we stand helpless and hopeless under the judgement of God (Romans 3:12,23).

We believe that God gave his Son, Jesus Christ, to die for the sins of all of us, and that the good news of his love in Christ is for all people everywhere (John 3:16, Romans 3:24).

We believe that everyone who, by the working of the Holy Spirit, accepts in personal faith what Jesus Christ has done by his death on the cross and by his resurrection, receives forgiveness from God, becomes a child of God and a member of his church (Acts 16:31, Romans 3:22). Whoever believes and is baptised will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned. (Mark 16:16)

We believe that Christians are called into the church to praise and worship God, to receive the Spirit's renewal of their faith, to strengthen their fellow believers, and to carry out God's mission of taking the good news of his saving love to all people.

We believe that Christians, though still subject to sin and failure, will show love to God in a life of loving service to other people, practising forgiveness, kindness, patience, humility and unselfish service for Christ's sake.

We believe God's design for sexual intimacy is to be expressed only within the context of marriage. We believe God instituted marriage between one man and one woman as the foundation of the family and the basic structure of human society. For this reason, we believe that marriage is exclusively the union of one man and one woman. (Genesis 2:24; Matthew 19:5-6; Mark 10:6-9; Romans 1:26-27; 1 Corinthians 6:9)

We believe that we are saved 'by grace, for Christ's sake, through faith' and there is nothing we can do to earn God's favour or to gain eternal life. Through his death and resurrection, Jesus Christ has won all this and more for us.

We believe that God will raise up all people on the last day and that every person who believes in Jesus as Saviour will be given eternal life.