

Statement of Faith

- 1. **The Bible** We believe the 66 books of the Bible, comprised of the Old and New Testaments, to be the infallible, inerrant, authoritative, and divinely inspired Word of God.
- 2. **The Triune God** We believe in one God, eternally existing in three distinct yet equally divine Persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. This three-in-one Godhead is the one true and living God. He is the creator and sustainer of all things, visible and invisible, and He is sovereign over all things.
- 3. **Jesus Christ** We believe in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His atoning death through His shed blood, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and in His personal return in power and glory.
- 4. **The Holy Spirit** We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a godly life. By the Spirit's agency, believers are renewed, sanctified, and adopted into God's family, and the Spirit indwells, guides, instructs, equips, revives, and empowers believers for Christ-like living and service.
- 5. **Creation** We believe God, by the word of His power, created from nothing the heavens and the earth and all that is in them. After God made the other creatures, He created man, both male and female, in His own image.
- 6. **The Fall** We believe that Adam, made in the image of God, distorted that image and forfeited his original blessedness, for himself and all mankind, by falling into sin through Satan's temptation, thus causing a separation between God and man.
- 7. **Atonement** We believe that, because of the fall, all of mankind has sinned and fall short of the glory of God. Jesus Christ made a complete atonement for His people through His substitutionary atoning death on the cross. He imputes His righteousness to all believers securing us full redemption for all who repent of their sin and trust in Him alone for salvation. We are justified by faith alone by grace alone, not by our works or deeds.
- 8. **Resurrection** We believe in the bodily resurrection of both the saved and the lost; they that are saved will be raised to everlasting life with the Lord, and they that are lost will be raised to everlasting separation from God.
- 9. **The Church** We believe Christ has established a visible church, which is called to live in the power of the Holy Spirit under the regulation of the authority of Holy Scripture, preaching the gospel of Christ to all the world, administering the sacraments of believer's baptism and the Lord's Supper, and exercising discipline.