

# STATEMENT OF BELIEFS

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- WE BELIEVE IN ONE GOD, ONE LIVING GOD WHO IS THE CREATOR OF ALL THINGS. THIS GOD IS ALMIGHTY, SOVEREIGN, AND SUSTAINS THE UNIVERSE BY HIS POWER. (DEUT. 6:4; PSALM 8; EPH. 4:6)
- WE BELIEVE THAT GOD IS TRINITARIAN — HE IS 3 PERSONS: FATHER, SON, AND HOLY SPIRIT. (MATT 28:19; 2 COR. 13:14; LUKE 35)
- WE BELIEVE THAT JESUS IS THE SON OF GOD, THE MESSIAH, THE SECOND PERSON OF THE TRINITY. HE IS GOD INCARNATE — FULLY GOD AND FULLY MAN — BORN OF THE VIRGIN MARY. HE SUFFERED FOR OUR SINS. AFTER LIVING A SINLESS LIFE, HE WAS CRUCIFIED, DEAD, AND BURIED. ON THE THIRD DAY, HE ROSE AGAIN; HE CONQUERED SIN, DEATH, AND THE DEVIL, AND AFTER SPENDING TIME ON EARTH, HE ASCENDED INTO HEAVEN, FROM WHERE HE NOW REIGNS. (JOHN 1:14; JOHN 14:8–11; ROM. 9:5; PHIL 2; HEB. 1:3; 1 JOHN 1:3; HEB. 4:15; ACTS 1:11; 1 PETER 2:21–24; MATT. 26:21–23; 1 COR. 15:3–8)
- WE BELIEVE THE HOLY SPIRIT IS GOD, THE THIRD PERSON OF THE TRINITY. HE INDWELLS BELIEVERS AND ILLUMINATES THEIR HEARTS IN FAITH TO LIVE THE CHRISTIAN LIFE, BEARING FRUIT FOR GOOD WORKS. (EZEK. 36:27; JOHN 16:13; ROM. 8:11; HEB. 9:14; 1 COR. 2:10–11)
- WE BELIEVE THAT ALL THINGS GOD CREATED WERE GOOD, BUT MANKIND SINNED AGAINST GOD AND WAS SEPARATED FROM GOD'S PRESENCE. ALL HUMANS ARE SINFUL AND IN THAT STATE STAND OPPOSED TO GOD AND WILL FACE ETERNAL CONSEQUENCES FOR SIN. (GEN. 1:31; 3:6–7; ROM. 3)
- WE BELIEVE SALVATION IS THE FREE GIFT OF GOD THROUGH THE WORK OF HIS SON, JESUS, AND IS AVAILABLE TO ALL WHO HAVE FAITH IN HIM. THROUGH HIS DEATH AND RESURRECTION, JESUS CONQUERED DEATH AND SERVED AS THE ETERNAL, ONCE FOR ALL SACRIFICE IN OUR PLACE. BY HIS WOUNDS, WE ARE HEALED AND RECONCILED TO GOD. (EPH. 2:1–10; 1 PETER 2:21–24; 2 COR. 5:21; HEB. 10:10–14)
- WE BELIEVE THAT JESUS COMMISSIONED HIS CHURCH TO BE HIS BODY, BUILDING HIS KINGDOM ON EARTH. (MATT. 28:16–20; ACTS 1–2; 1 PETER 2)
- WE BELIEVE THAT FOLLOWERS OF JESUS GATHER IN COMMUNITY AS THE CHURCH TO LEARN, GROW, AND MAKE DISCIPLES. (ACTS 2; 1 COR. 1:2; EPH. 4:11–16; HEB. 10:25)
- WE BELIEVE THE CHURCH CELEBRATES BAPTISM (MARK 1:4; MATT. 28:19; ROM. 6:3–4) [AS AN EXPERIENCE OF FELLOWSHIP WITH CHRIST IN HIS DEATH AND RESURRECTION AND A PROCLAMATION OF FAITH]
- AND THE LORD'S SUPPER [AS A PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST'S WORK AND KINGDOM UNTIL HE RETURNS] (LUKE 22:14–20; 1 COR. 11:23; REV. 19:9) ...
- WE BELIEVE JESUS CHRIST WILL RETURN AS KING AND THAT HE WILL JUDGE HUMANITY, CONDEMN ALL EVIL, AND THAT HE WILL CALL THOSE WHO HAVE BELIEVED IN HIM TO LIFE IN HIS EVERLASTING KINGDOM. (1 JOHN 2:28–3:3; PSALM 2:7–12; 1 COR. 15:27–28; JOHN 3:16–21, 36; MATT. 25:31–46)