

ACF Statement of Faith

- 1. We believe in one God, Sovereign Creator and Sustainer of all things, infinitely perfect and eternally existing in three Persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. To Him be the glory, honor, and praise forever and ever!
- 2. We believe in Jesus Christ, the living Word made flesh, miraculously conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He is truly God and became truly man in one person forever, dying on the cross as a sacrifice for our sins according to the Scriptures. On the third day, He physically rose from the dead, ascended to heaven, where, at the right hand of the Majesty on High, He is now our High Priest and Mediator.
- 3. The Holy Spirit has come to glorify Christ and bring the redemptive work of Christ into our hearts. He convicts us of sin and leads us to the Savior. He seals us for the day of redemption. Dwelling in our hearts, He gives us new life, instructs us, guides us into all truth, and imparts to us the ability to serve others.
- 4. Being alienated from the life of God and condemned by our sins, our salvation depends entirely on the work of God's free grace. God confers His righteousness on those who place their faith solely in Christ for their salvation, thereby justifying them before Him. Only those who are born of the Holy Spirit and receive Jesus Christ become children of God and heirs of eternal life.
- 5. The true Church is composed of all those who, through saving faith in Jesus Christ and the sanctifying work of the Holy Spirit, are united to the body of Christ. The Church has its visible, though imperfect, expression in local congregations where the Word of God is preached in its purity, the sacraments are rightly administered, scriptural discipline is applied, and brotherly love is maintained; and to be perfected, it awaits the return of its Lord.
- 6. Jesus Christ will return to earth personally, visibly, and in the flesh to judge the living and the dead and to consummate history and the eternal purpose of God. "Amen! Come, Lord Jesus!" (Revelation 22:20). 7. The Lord Jesus Christ commands all believers to proclaim the Good News to the whole world and to make disciples of all nations. Obeying the Great Commission requires total commitment to "Him who loved us and gave Himself for us." It demands a life of selfless love and service. Indeed, since "we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them" (Ephesians 2:10)