

# Statement of Faith

## **The Bible**

We believe the Bible is the inspired, inerrant Word of God and the final authority for all faith and practice. We use the King James Version as our official translation.

## **God**

We believe in one God, eternally existing in three persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

## **Jesus Christ**

We believe Jesus Christ is the eternal Son of God, born of a virgin, fully God and fully man. He died for our sins, rose bodily from the grave, ascended to Heaven, and now intercedes for believers.

## **The Holy Spirit**

We believe the Holy Spirit convicts of sin, regenerates, indwells, seals, and teaches believers. Spiritual gifts are given according to God's will; sign gifts such as tongues and healing were temporary.

## **Man and Salvation**

We believe all people are sinners by nature and cannot save themselves. Salvation is by grace through faith in Jesus Christ alone. Believers are eternally secure in Christ.

## **The Church**

We believe the local church is made up of born-again believers and is autonomous under Christ. The ordinances are baptism by immersion and the Lord's Supper. Only men may serve as pastors and deacons.

## **Christian Living**

We believe Christians should live holy lives, separated from sinful practices and false doctrine, maintaining a godly testimony in the world.

## **Future Events**

We believe in the imminent return of Christ to rapture His church before the Tribulation. Christ will later return to establish His Millennial Kingdom. The saved will enjoy eternal life; the lost will face eternal punishment.

## **Satan**

We believe Satan is a real being, the enemy of God and man, and will face eternal judgment.

### **Creation**

We believe God created the world in six literal 24-hour days and reject evolutionary theories.

### **Marriage and Family**

We believe marriage is between one naturally-born man and one naturally-born woman. Sexual activity is reserved for marriage. Men and women have distinct biblical roles in the home and church. Parents are responsible for the spiritual training and discipline of their children.

### **Sanctity of Life**

We believe life begins at conception. Abortion and euthanasia are the taking of innocent human life.

### **Love and Conduct**

We believe Christians should show love, grace, and humility toward all people, even those who oppose them, while rejecting sinful actions.