

Affirmation of Faith

We Believe in...

- 1) **The Bible** - The holy scriptures as originally inspired by God, are unfailing, entirely trustworthy, and the supreme authority in all matters of faith and conduct.
- 2) **The Trinity** - There is one supreme God, who eternally exists in three co-equal persons: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

The Father - God, the Father, almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen, an infinite, personal spirit, perfect in holiness, wisdom, power and love. We believe that He concerns Himself mercifully in the affairs of each person, that He hears and answers prayer, and that He saves from sin and death all who come to Him through Jesus Christ whom He sent as a sacrifice to find unity with us.

The Son - The Lord Jesus Christ, His miraculous virgin birth, sinless life, divine miracles, substitutionary death, bodily resurrection, ascension into heaven, intercession and coming return.

The Holy Spirit - The Holy Spirit's presence dwells within believers, to sanctify, guide, teach, fill and empower them to live a life that pleases God and witnesses for Christ.

- 3) **Salvation** - That a person cannot be saved from sin through their own efforts, but by grace alone through the shed blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. His sacrifice provides full forgiveness of all sin, a life on earth of joy with Christ, and upon death, eternal life in heaven with God for those who receive Him by faith.
- 4) **Humanity** - That humanity, the crowning act of God's good creation, was designed to live in fellowship with God and in loving relationship with each other. God created us in His image and saw that we are a good creation. We are called to be co-rulers with Him over creation. God has given humanity the freedom to choose to do either good or evil, and to accept or reject Him.
- 5) **The Church** - is the Body of Christ, comprised of those who follow Jesus Christ through faith. All members, locally and globally, work in unity to fulfill His purposes. Through multiple expressions of community, followers of Christ gather together for worship, mutual accountability, discipleship, and participation in the ongoing mission of Jesus. While the church continues to follow a perfect God, its members rely on His mercy and grace as they operate imperfectly in love and unity.
- 6) **Discipleship** - Through obedience and faith, commit to grow in holiness as a follower of Christ by being His witness, both in speech and action, to all the world.
- 7) **Eternity** - We believe in the personal and visible return of the Lord Jesus Christ to earth and the establishment of His Kingdom. We believe in the resurrection of the body and final judgment for all from a just and loving God. Amen