

## **What we believe**

### **1. God**

There is one God, who exists eternally in three distinct but equal persons: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. God is unchangeable in his holiness, justice, wisdom and love. He is the almighty Creator, Saviour and Judge who sustains and governs all things according to his sovereign will for his own glory.

### **2. The Lord Jesus Christ**

The Lord Jesus Christ is fully God and fully man. He was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of a virgin and lived a sinless life in obedience to the Father. He taught with authority and all his words are true. On the cross he died in the place of sinners, bearing God's punishment for their sin, redeeming them by his blood. He rose from the dead and in his resurrection body ascended into heaven where he is exalted as Lord of all. He intercedes for his people in the presence of the Father.

### **3. Holy Spirit**

The Holy Spirit has been sent from heaven to glorify Christ and to apply his work of salvation. He convicts sinners, imparts spiritual life, gives a true understanding of the Bible, indwells all believers, brings assurance of salvation, and produces increasing likeness to Christ. His fruit, gifts, guidance and inspiration are given to individual believers for the Church's collective edification and for fulfilling Christ's commission (Matt. 28: 19-20; Matt. 10: 7). The Holy Spirit's leading for the Church will be corporately agreed (together we have the mind of Christ).

We believe that the season we are in now is The Kingdom Age. Every believer has a mandate from God to rule and reign as Sons and daughters of God on the earth right now.

Every week in our prophetic worship, we fully expect to engage with heaven, in an atmosphere of the Father's presence and an increasing measure of His Glory, week by week.

#### **4. The Bible**

God has revealed himself in the Bible, which consists of the Old and New Testaments alone. Every word was inspired by God through human authors, so that the Bible as originally given is in its entirety the Word of God, without error and fully reliable in fact and doctrine. The Bible alone speaks with final authority and is always sufficient for all matters of belief and practice.

#### **5. The Human Race**

All men and women, being created in the image of God, have inherent and equal dignity and worth. Their greatest purpose is to love, worship and obey God (John 14: 15). As a result of the fall of our first parents, every aspect of human nature has been corrupted and all men and women are without spiritual life, guilty sinners and hostile to God. Every person is therefore under the just condemnation of God and needs to be born again, forgiven and reconciled to God in order to know and please him.

#### **6. Salvation**

Salvation is entirely a work of God's grace and cannot be earned or deserved. It has been accomplished by the Lord Jesus Christ and is offered to all. God in his love forgives sinners who turn to him in repentance, granting them redemption

and faith. All who believe in Christ are justified by faith alone, adopted into the family of God and receive eternal life.

## **7. The Church**

We recognise:

- the importance in God's plan of the restoration of his covenanted people Israel;
- the roots of our faith as outlined in Romans 9-11;
- the culmination of God's final status for his Church of Jew and Gentile combined (Eph. 2: 14-16).

In this context the universal Church is the body of which Christ is the head and to which all who are saved belong. It is made visible locally through groups of disciples committed to God and each other as demonstrated in the book of Acts.

## **8. Water Baptism and the Lord's Supper**

Baptism and the Lord's Supper have been given to the Church by Christ as visible signs of the gospel. Baptism is a symbol of union with Christ and entry into his Church, but does not impart spiritual life. The Lord's Supper is a commemoration of Christ's sacrifice offered once and for all and involves no change in the bread and the wine. All its blessings are received by faith.

## **9. The Future**

The Lord Jesus Christ will return in glory. He will raise the dead and judge the world in righteousness. Those who have not received Jesus as Saviour will be sent to eternal punishment; the redeemed will be welcomed into a life of eternal joy in fellowship with God. God will be glorified forever in the new heaven and the new earth, the home of righteousness.