

## **What we believe:**

The following summary explains some essentials of what we understand about God, humanity, and Christ, and how it is possible for anyone to become a Christian. Each of the points in this summary has an example from the Bible's teaching on the topic. Finally there is a more formal 'Statement of Faith', which has been adopted by our church.

### **God**

God is Loving

*God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in him. (1 John 4:16b)*

God is Holy (Absolutely Pure)

*But just as He who calls you is Holy, so be holy in all you do: for it is written: 'Be holy because I am holy' (1 Peter 1:16)*

God is Just (A good judge)

*Will not the judge of all the earth do right? (Genesis 18 v 25)*

### **People**

We were created good, but became sinful (selfish)

*For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God (Romans 3:23)*

We deserve death (physical and spiritual)

*For the wages of sin is death (Romans 6:23)*

We are spiritually helpless (can't make ourselves pure or righteous)

*All of us have become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous acts are like filthy rags. (Isaiah 64:6)*

### **Christ**

Christ is God who also became man.

*In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God. (John 1:1) The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen His glory, the glory of the one and only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. (1 John 1 v 1-14)*

Christ died as our substitute and offers His forgiveness as a gift.

*He himself bore our sins in His body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness. By His wounds you have been healed. (1 Peter 2:24)  
For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith...and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God – not by works, so that no-one can boast (Ephesians 2:8-9)*

Jesus is Alive!

*But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead. The firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep (1 Corinthians 15:20)*

## How to become a Committed Christian

**Pray:** Ask God for forgiveness and ask Jesus Christ to come into your heart.

*... to all who received Him, to those who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God. (John 1:12)*

*If you confess with your mouth "Jesus is Lord" and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead you will be saved. (Romans 10:9)*

*But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. (1 Peter 3:15)*

**Continue** to confess and turn away from sin.

*If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:9)*

**Trust** God, Obey His Word and ask to be filled with His Spirit.

*And now dear children, continue in Him. (1 John 2:28)*

*He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus (Philippians 1:6)*

*How can a young man keep his way pure? By living according to your Word. (Psalm 119:9)*

*Be very careful then how you live...understand what the Lord's will is...be filled with the Spirit. (Ephesians 5:15-18)*

**Join** a Christian Community where you can learn and serve and grow.

*They devoted themselves to the Apostle's teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. (Acts 2:42)*

## **Our Statement of Faith**

We believe in...

The one true God who lives eternally in three persons—the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. The love, grace and sovereignty of God in creating, sustaining, ruling, redeeming and judging the world.

The divine inspiration and supreme authority of the Old and New Testament Scriptures, which are the written Word of God—fully trustworthy for faith and conduct.

The dignity of all people, made male and female in Gods image to love, be holy and care for creation, yet corrupted by sin, which incurs divine wrath and judgement.

The incarnation of God’s eternal Son, the Lord Jesus Christ—born of the virgin Mary; truly divine and truly human, yet without sin.

The atoning sacrifice of Christ on the cross: dying in our place, paying the price of sin and defeating evil, so reconciling us with God.

The bodily resurrection of Christ, the first fruits of our resurrection; his ascension to the Father, and his reign and mediation as the only Saviour of the world.

The justification of sinners solely by the grace of God through faith in Christ.  
The ministry of God the Holy Spirit, who leads us to repentance, unites us with Christ through new birth, empowers our discipleship and enables our witness.

The Church, the body of Christ both local and universal, the priesthood of all believers—given life by the Spirit and endowed with the Spirit’s gifts to worship God and proclaim the gospel, promoting justice and love.

The personal and visible return of Jesus Christ to fulfil the purposes of God, who will raise all people to judgement, bring eternal life to the redeemed and eternal condemnation to the lost, and establish a new heaven and new earth.