



## **Confession of Faith**

### **A. The Scriptures**

We believe in the plenary, verbal inspiration of the Old and New Testament Scriptures as originally given. These Scriptures are inerrant in all that they affirm and are our final authority in all matters of faith and conduct.

### **B. The Godhead**

We believe there is one living and true God, eternally existing in three persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, who are the same in essence and co-equal in power and glory.

### **C. Jesus Christ**

We believe Jesus Christ is fully God and fully Man in one Person. Prior to His incarnation He eternally existed with the Father. Jesus Christ was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary. Though tempted by Satan, He lived a sinless life on this earth. He gave His life and shed His blood on the cross as an offering for sin so that all who believe in Him are declared righteous. He arose bodily from the grave and ascended into Heaven, where He now intercedes for His own as their great High Priest.

### **D. The Holy Spirit**

We believe in the personality of the Holy Spirit. He convicts the world of sin, righteousness and judgment. At conversion He regenerates, indwells, seals and baptizes the believer into the body of Christ. The Holy Spirit fills and conforms the yielded believer increasingly to the image of Christ. He enables the believer to live a life of Christian victory through faith in Jesus Christ and obedience to the Word of God. As He wills, the Holy Spirit gives spiritual gifts and empowerment for service.

### **E. Creation**

We believe in the direct creative acts of God as recorded in Scripture.

### **F. Satan**

We believe in the personality of Satan, a fallen angel who with other angelic beings rebelled against God and was cast out of Heaven. Satan was defeated at the cross and although his final destiny shall be the lake of fire, he continues to be the archenemy of God, angels and mankind.

## **G. Man and Sin**

We believe the human race was created in the image of God. Adam fell because of his disobedience and rebellion against God and thereby incurred not only physical death, but also spiritual death which is separation from God. As a consequence, all mankind is declared by God to be totally depraved, having inherited a sinful nature and having become sinners in thought, word and deed.

## **H. Salvation**

We believe the grace of God provides salvation from sin for all humanity, but this salvation is obtained only through personal repentance and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and His atoning work.

## **I. The Church**

We believe the universal Church is comprised of all true believers. With Christ as her head, she exists in local expression to glorify God by edifying believers and evangelizing the lost everywhere.

## **J. The Ordinances**

We believe that the Lord's Supper and believers' Baptism are ordinances to be observed by the Church, but they are not to be regarded as a means of salvation.

## **K. The Second Coming**

We believe in the literal, physical, premillennial second coming of the Lord Jesus Christ.

## **L. Future State of the Dead**

We believe that at death everyone continues in conscious existence; the righteous in the presence of Christ, the unrighteous in torment in Hades. The righteous await their bodily resurrection at the rapture of the Church receiving everlasting life and blessedness. The unrighteous await their bodily resurrection at the Great White Throne resulting in judgment and everlasting punishment of conscious torment in the lake of fire.