

OUR  
**STATEMENT**  
OF **FAITH**

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**The Scriptures:** The Old and New Testaments are the complete Word of God and are divinely inspired. They are the revelation of God's will for the salvation of mankind and the full and final authority for the Christian faith on earth.

"All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work."  
2nd Timothy 3v16.

**There is one God,** Creator of all things, infinitely perfect, and eternally existing as Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We believe that God is not a being far away who is indifferent towards creation. He is a personal God, and He wants a personal relationship with people. He doesn't just want us to obey His commandments, but He also wants our love and devotion.

**The Holy Spirit** is within us helping us to glorify God here on earth, to stop man from sinning, regenerating believers, instructing and empowering believers for godly service and Christian living. His voice comes from inside of us. It takes time for us to learn how to separate our own thoughts from His voice, and different people hear Him in different ways.

The Holy Spirit speak in many ways, but most often, He speaks by illuminating parts of the Bible - reminding us of a verse we've read and helping us understand it in a new way. When Jesus promised He would never leave us alone, the Holy Spirit was the fulfilment of that promise.

When you follow Christ and become a Christian the Holy Spirit moves in. We become His dwelling. So, when He speaks His voice comes from inside us. The Holy Spirit is right there with us even when nothing else seems to work. With only a thought, He can speak life, hope, joy, strength, and encouragement to us.

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**Man** was created in the image of God but fell from grace when Adam (the first man) did not obey God and was therefore lost. Only through regeneration by the Holy Spirit can salvation and a spiritual life be obtained.

**Jesus Christ** is both man and God, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and was born of the Virgin Mary. He died on the cross for our sins and complete redemption which was His final sacrifice. He came back to life (physically) and ascended into heaven, as our High Priest and Advocate.

**Salvation** came about because of Jesus Christ's final sacrifice, by dying. The shed blood of Jesus Christ and His resurrection provide the only justification for Salvation to all who believe in Him. Only those who receive Jesus Christ by faith are born of the Spirit and thus become children of God, and heirs and joint heirs of the Kingdom.

**The greatest hope** of the believer and the ongoing motivation is the imminent and visible return of Jesus Christ. Everyone will ultimately be brought to judgement, where Jesus Christ will bring eternal life to the redeemed and eternal condemnation to those who do not believe (termed as the lost), and will establish a NEW Heaven and NEW Earth.

**The Church** is a group of people who through having faith in Jesus Christ, have been regenerated by the Holy Spirit and are united together in the body of Christ of which Jesus Christ is the head.

**Water baptism:** a full immersion in water after accepting Christ as your personal Saviour, is a testimony of death to sin and resurrection to a new life.

**The Lord's Supper/communion:** a memorial service, symbolically depicting the death of Jesus Christ; all true believers and only believers should participate in this regular service.