

## OUR THEOLOGICAL & MISSIONAL COMMITMENTS

We are in doctrinal agreement with the ancient Creeds of the Christian Church – the [Apostles' Creed](#); the [Nicene Creed](#); and the [Athanasian Creed](#).

We subscribe to the [Statement of Faith](#) of the National Association of Evangelicals.

We agree with the [Lausanne Covenant](#) and the [Capetown Commitment](#) (a summary of this last document [may be found here](#)).

### What we believe about...God

We believe in one God, Creator of all things, infinitely perfect and eternally existing in three persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

#### ...the Father

We believe in God the Father, Creator and King, Savior and Judge. God the Father demonstrates his constant love and faithfulness in an expression of familial intimacy with His Son and the people of God.

#### ...the Son, Jesus Christ the Lord

We believe Jesus Christ is true God and true man, conceived of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary. He died on a Roman cross, a sacrifice for our sins. He arose bodily from the dead and ascended into heaven. He sits at the right hand of the Majesty on High as our High Priest and Advocate, and through the person of the Holy Spirit indwells the believer. As the Son of the Father he reveals to us the deepest intimacy of familial obedience and love.

#### ...the Holy Spirit

We believe the ministry of the Holy Spirit is to manifest the self-giving love of God, to glorify the Lord Jesus Christ, and during this age to convict, regenerate, seal, indwell, guide, instruct and empower for life, mission and service.

#### ...the Bible

We believe the Scriptures, both Old and New Testament, to be the inspired and authoritative Word of God, the complete revelation of His will for human beings and all of Creation.

#### ...Humanity

We believe human beings were created male and female in the image of God, to be friends with God, servants and stewards of His Creation. However we succumbed to the temptation to be gods ourselves, and are therefore without God and without hope, except through repentance, belief in Jesus and regeneration by the Holy Spirit.

#### ...Salvation

We believe the self-giving Love of God expressed in the sacrificial death of Jesus Christ, followed by His resurrection and ascension, provide the only ground for justification and salvation for all who believe. Only those who receive Christ Jesus through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit become members of the people of God.

#### ...Ordinances for the Church

We believe that the Lord's Supper is a reminder of his sacrifice for our sin, that water baptism is a sign of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit in the lives of those who believe in Jesus. These are ordinances to be observed by the God's people during this age. They are not a means of salvation.

#### ...God's people

We believe the Church is comprised of all persons who are regenerated by the Holy Spirit through saving faith in Jesus Christ, are united together in the Body of Christ of which He is Lord and Head, and are now commissioned for the God-given task of proclaiming the gospel, the good news of Jesus' death, resurrection and exaltation, to all peoples.

#### ...our Kingdom Mission

We believe the mission of the church is to demonstrate the Love of God in Christ, to proclaim the gospel to all nations, tribes, languages and peoples, to announce to all peoples the presence and future of the Kingdom of God, speaking truth and promote righteousness, advocating for justice and peace.

#### ...Christ's Return

We believe in the personal and imminent return of our Lord Jesus Christ as King of kings and Lord of lords; that our hope for the coming of the Kingdom has a vital bearing on the personal life and missional service of Jesus' followers.

#### ...a coming Judgment

We believe in the bodily resurrection of the dead: the believer to life, service and worship in God's renewed Creation; the unbeliever to judgment and separation from God.