

Beliefs In Summary

- We accept the Bible as the inspired Word of God.
- We believe in the Trinity of God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit who are each fully God.
- We affirm the need for a personal relationship with God. This is made possible by the work of Christ and is appropriated through repentance and simple faith in Jesus.
- We receive the Holy Spirit as God's presence in us and his power through us.
- We embrace Christ's commission to preach the good news to all. The church is the company of those who respond to the gospel message.
- We look forward to the visible, bodily return of Christ to this earth.

Full Statements

The following articles are not intended to encompass all that we believe or practice. It is impractical to attempt to place in creed form all the Bible precepts and doctrines, therefore this statement sets forth the doctrines and practices that are vital to our unity and purpose.

INSPIRATION OF THE SCRIPTURES

We believe in the verbal inspiration of the Bible, both the Old and New Testaments.

GOD

We believe in one God revealed in three persons: The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit – who is the creator, sustainer and redeemer of all things, visible and invisible.

JESUS

We believe that Jesus is God come in the flesh and that He is both divine and human. We believe that he died on the cross to purchase the forgiveness for sin and the gift of eternal life, and that on the third day he rose bodily from death. We believe that he ascended to the Father in heaven, from where he will one day return to judge the living and the dead and usher in the restoration of all things.

HOLY SPIRIT

We believe the Holy Spirit to be the third person of the trinity who is at work in the world to convince, enlighten, regenerate, indwell, fill, guide and bestow gifts upon mankind. We believe that the Holy Spirit bestows the same gifts today as are spoken of in Romans 12, 1 Corinthians 12 and Ephesians 4

SALVATION

We believe that all mankind, due to their acts of sin and rebellion against God, stand in need of forgiveness and salvation, and that Christ has purchased that forgiveness and salvation through his death and resurrection. We believe that all who genuinely turn to Christ in faith receive from him the assurance of sins forgiven and the gift of eternal life. This salvation is entirely by a free gift of Gods' grace. We believe that all people will stand before God to be judged, and we believe in the reality of heaven and hell.

LOCAL CHURCH

We believe the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ is comprised of all people everywhere who are genuine believers in Jesus Christ, and that every believer is a priest of God, having direct access to God the Father through Jesus Christ. We also hold that believers should join themselves to a local expression of the church, under recognised, delegated authorities; and who assemble to worship, carry forth the Great Commission, and grow in faith and ministry.

ORDINANCES

We believe that the two ordinances of the Church are Water Baptism by immersion, and the Lord's Supper – both being for believers only and both being symbols of the death and resurrection of Christ