



Statement of Faith

We affirm our belief in historic Christianity as revealed in the Scriptures and summarized in the Apostles and Nicene Creeds. We recognize the need today for reaffirming the following beliefs:

- We believe the Bible is the written word of God, inspired by the Holy Spirit and without error in the original manuscripts. The Bible is the revelation of God's truth and is infallible and authoritative in all matters of faith and practice.
- We believe in the Holy Trinity. There is one God, who exists eternally in three persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
- We believe that all are sinners and totally unable to save themselves from God's displeasure, except by His mercy.
- We believe that Jesus Christ is the eternal Son of God, who through His perfect life and sacrificial death atoned for the sins of all who will trust in Him, alone, for salvation.
- We believe that the good news of the Gospel is that salvation, justification and sanctification are by grace alone through faith alone in Christ's righteousness alone.
- We believe that the Holy Spirit indwells God's people and gives them the strength and wisdom to trust Christ and follow Him.
- We believe that Jesus will return, bodily and visibly, at the end of the age to judge all mankind and to receive His people to Himself. It is at that time that he will renew the whole Creation and establish the New Heavens and the New Earth where his people will live with him forever.
- We believe that all aspects of our lives are to be lived to the glory of God under the Lordship of Jesus Christ.

Some Contemporary Implications of the Gospel:

- i. *The Uniqueness of Jesus Christ.* While religions and philosophies of the world are not without elements of the truth, Jesus Christ alone is the full revelation of God, who through the Gospel judges and corrects all views and doctrines. All persons everywhere need to learn of Him, come to know and believe in Him, and receive forgiveness and new life in Him as there is no other name given under heaven by which we must be saved.
- ii. *Church and Society.* Biblical social commandments and Christian ethical principles are foundational to the well-being of every society. Recognizing the call of Christians

- to be faithful witnesses and a challenging presence in society, we are committed to seek ways to express these commandments and principles in all spheres of life.
- iii. *Fellowship*. In grateful response to Christ Jesus, in whom there is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, we will extend the welcome of the church to every man, woman and child regardless of race, social or economic status, sexual history or past behavior. We will oppose prejudice in ourselves and others and recognize that all have sinned and need to repent.
 - iv. *Marriage, Family, and the Single Life*. God has instituted marriage to be a life-long union of husband and wife, intended for their mutual joy, help and comfort; for the procreation and nurture of godly children; and for the blessing of society. The roles of father and mother, exercised in a variety of ways, are God-given and profoundly important since they are the chief providers of moral instruction and godly living. The single life, either by call or circumstance, is honored by God. It is therefore important for unmarried persons to embrace and be embraced by the Christian family.
 - v. *Human Sexuality*. Sexuality is inherent in God's creation of human beings in his image as male and female. All Christians are called to chastity: husbands and wives by exclusive sexual fidelity to one another, and single persons by abstinence from sexual activity. God intends and enables all people to live within these boundaries, with the help and in the fellowship of the Church.