

### **1. The Word of God**

We believe that the Bible is the Word of God, fully inspired and without error in the original manuscripts. We believe that it was written under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit and, thus, carries supreme authority over all matters of faith and practice (2 Timothy 3.16; 2 Peter 1.20-21; Mark 13.31; John 8.31-32; John 20.31; Acts 20.32).

### **2. The Trinity**

We believe that there is one living and true God and that He has eternally existed in three persons—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. We believe that these three persons are equal in divine perfection and that they perform distinct but harmonious roles in the work of creation, providence, and redemption (Genesis 1.1,26; John 1.1,3; Matthew 28.19; John 4.24; Romans 1.19-20; Ephesians 4.5-6).

### **3. God the Father**

We believe in God the Father who is an infinite, eternal spirit. He is perfect in holiness, wisdom, power, and love. We believe that He is completely sovereign over the affairs of His creation so that He infallibly knows and ordains all that comes to pass. We believe that He concerns Himself mercifully with the affairs of His creation, that He hears and answers prayer, and that He rescues from sin, death, and Hell all who come to Him by faith and repentance through Jesus Christ (Luke 10.21-22; Matthew 23.9; John 3.16, 6.27).

### **4. Jesus the Christ**

We believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, conceived by the virgin Mary. We believe in His virgin birth, sinless life, miracles, deity, and teachings. We believe in His substitutionary work on the cross, His resurrection, His present exaltation over all peoples and authorities, His continual intercession on behalf of His people, and His visible return to earth to consummate the Kingdom of God (Matthew 1.18-25; Luke 1.26-38; John 1.1, 20.38; Romans 5.6-8, 6.9-10; 2 Corinthians 5.21; Ephesians 1.3-4).

### **5. The Holy Spirit**

We believe in the deity of the Holy Spirit who was sent by the Father and the Son to convict the world of sin, righteousness, and judgment. We believe the Holy Spirit regenerates, empowers us for a life of persevering faith, and sanctifies all those who believe in Jesus. We believe that the Holy Spirit indwells every believer for whom He is an abiding teacher, helper, and guide (John 14.16-17, 26; 15.26-27; 16.9-14).

### **6. Salvation**

We believe that God created man in His image to rule over the earth in perfect fellowship and allegiance with his Creator. However, man rebelled against God's authority and thus incurred God's judgment of spiritual and physical death. Consequently, all humanity is born with a sinful nature and all are sinners by choice. We believe that those whom God has chosen will repent of their sin and trust in Jesus alone for their rescue. These individuals have been regenerated by the Holy Spirit and are a new creation. They have been delivered from this present evil age and have been granted eternal life in the age to come (Genesis 1.26, 3.1-15; John 3.14; 5.24, 30; 8.12; 10.26; Romans 9.22; 2 Corinthians 5.17; Ephesians 1.3-11; 2.8-9; 2 Thessalonians 1.9).