

## Summary Doctrinal Statement

We believe that the Bible, the 66 books of the Old Testament and the New Testament and only these, are God's inspired, infallible revelation to mankind. It is inerrant in the original writings and is our supreme and final authority in all matters of life and faith.

We believe in one true living God, an infinite, all-knowing Spirit, perfect in all His attributes, one in essence, eternally existing in three Persons— Father, Son and Holy Spirit—each of whom possess equally all the attributes of Deity and characteristics of Personality, and each equally deserving our worship and obedience.

We believe that Jesus Christ is God, the living Word, who was miraculously conceived by the Holy Spirit and was virgin-born, hence, perfect Deity and true humanity, united in one person forever.

We believe that Jesus Christ lived a sinless life, that He died, was buried and rose again from the dead, having provided for our redemption through His voluntary, substitutionary, redemptive sacrifice on the cross.

We believe that Jesus Christ is now in heaven, at the right hand of God the Father, where He, the only mediator between God and man, continually makes intercession for His own. We believe that He will come again and that this is our blessed hope, the personal and imminent return of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

We believe that man was created in the image of God; that he sinned, and thereby incurred, not only physical death but also spiritual death which is separation from God; and that all human beings are born with a sinful nature and therefore, spiritually alienated from God, and in need of reconciliation and redemption.

We believe that unredeemed man is unable to please God and that the salvation of man is wholly a work of God's free grace and is not the work, in whole or in part, of human works or goodness or religious ceremony. God attributed His righteousness to those who put their faith in Christ alone for their salvation, and thereby justifies them in His sight.

We believe that the Holy Spirit has come into the world to reveal and glorify Christ. He convicts and draws sinners to Christ. He immediately seals believers until the day of redemption, indwells them, and baptizes them into the body of Christ. He fills, empowers, and unites the body of Christ, and gives gifts to men for the common good.

We believe that Jesus Christ is the Head of the Church, His body, which is composed of all men, living and dead, who have been joined to Him through saving faith.

We believe that God commands believers to be baptized and to assemble regularly for worship, for participation in the Lord's Supper, edification and education through the Scriptures, and for mutual encouragement.

We believe the good news about Jesus should be proclaimed and explained to all people, making disciples of all nations, in obedience to Jesus' command.

We believe it is appointed by God for all men to die once, and after that to experience judgment before God. Believers will enter immediately into eternal, conscious fellowship with the Lord, while unbelievers will enter immediately into eternal, conscious separation and condemnation apart from God.

We believe that Jesus Christ will come again to the earth—personally, visibly, and bodily—to consummate history and the eternal plan of God. Nobody except God the Father will know the day nor the hour of these events until they occur.

We believe that God created everything, with order, design and purpose, that God entrusted this world to our care and will come again to liberate His creation.

We believe that Satan was a perfectly created being who in his pride rebelled against God, becoming a murderer and the father of lies. He seeks to destroy God's church and all that God has created.