



## What We Believe

**WE BELIEVE** that the Bible, consisting of the 66 books of the Old and New Testaments, is the only inspired Word of God, completely free from error in its original writings, and is the complete revelation of God's will for our salvation and the final authority for all Christian belief and living.

**WE BELIEVE** in one God, creator of all things, infinitely holy and eternally existing in three persons: the Father, the Son (Jesus Christ), and the Holy Spirit.

**WE BELIEVE** that the Lord Jesus Christ is truly God and truly man, having been conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He lived a sinless life in complete obedience to the will of the Father and died on the cross as a sacrifice for our sins. He rose bodily from the dead and ascended into heaven where he now reigns in glory and acts as our high priest and advocate. In the person of the Holy Spirit, he lives in all believers.

**WE BELIEVE** that the function of the Holy Spirit is to glorify the Lord Jesus Christ, to convict the world of sin, righteousness, and coming judgement, and to regenerate, seal, indwell, guide, instruct and empower believers for living and serving as Christians.

**WE BELIEVE** that people were created in the image of God, but chose to sin and are therefore lost and spiritually dead. It is only through regeneration by the Holy Spirit that salvation and spiritual life can be obtained.

**WE BELIEVE** that the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ are the only basis for the salvation of all who believe. Only those who turn from their sins and receive the Lord Jesus Christ by faith as Saviour and Lord are regenerated by the Holy Spirit and so become God's children.

**WE BELIEVE** that the Lord's Supper and water baptism of believers are ordinances to be observed by the church, but that these are not a means of, or essential for, salvation.

**WE BELIEVE** that the true church, the Body of Christ, consists of all people who are regenerated by the Holy Spirit through saving faith in Jesus Christ, united together. Jesus Christ is the Lord and only head of the church and he has commissioned the church to proclaim the gospel worldwide and to make disciples of all nations. We believe that only those who are members of the true church are eligible for membership in a local church which has the right under Christ to decide and govern its own affairs.

**WE BELIEVE** in the bodily, glorious, and imminent return of our Lord Jesus Christ to this world and that this has a vital bearing on the personal lives and service of believers.

**WE BELIEVE** in the bodily resurrection of the dead, of believers to everlasting happiness in the presence of God, and of unbelievers to everlasting unhappiness separated from God.

