

## God

We believe in God, the Supreme Being; personal, perfect, infinite, spiritual, eternal; the Creator, Sustainer and Sovereign of the universe; our Heavenly Father who manifests a holy redeeming love towards all mankind, forgiving the repentant, condemning the unrepentant; and who desires to share His love in a personal relationship with everyone.

## The Bible

We believe that the Bible is the inspired record of God's will for mankind – the Word of God, of which Jesus Christ is the supreme Interpreter, and that it is our final authority in matters of faith and practice.

## Sin and Salvation

We believe that sin is the transgression of the law – disobedience to God and failure to live according to His will. All who refuse to repent of their sins and receive Christ as their Saviour will be punished at the time of the final judgement. We also believe that salvation from sin and death is the gift of God by his redeeming love, accomplished by Christ's death and resurrection, and it is received only by repentance and faith in Him.

## The Lord's Supper

We believe that the Lord's Supper commemorates the suffering and death of our Redeemer until He comes, and that it is a symbol of our union with Christ, and a pledge of renewed allegiance to our risen Lord.

## Evangelism

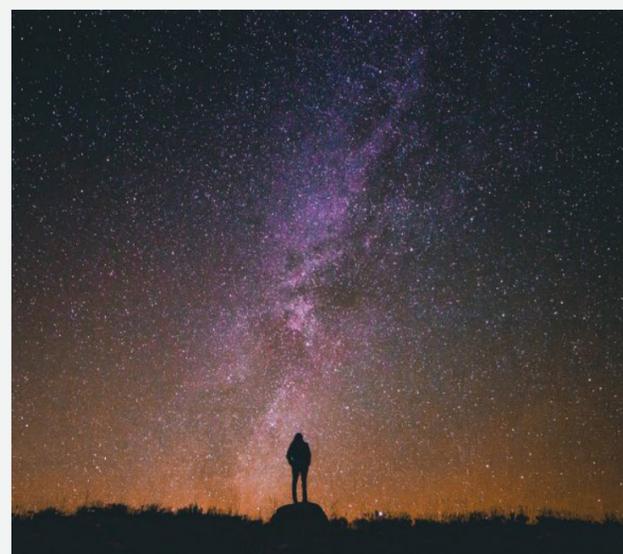
We believe that the church's chief aim is as Jesus commissioned us: to proclaim the Gospel of Salvation and of the Kingdom; making disciples, baptising and teaching them to observe all that He has commanded; witnessing to our faith throughout the world and to every person.

## Jesus Christ

We believe in Jesus Christ, God manifest in the flesh, Our Saviour, Teacher and Guide who gave Himself on the Cross as a complete and final sacrifice for sin, and draws to Himself all who will come to Him in love and trustful obedience. As our risen Lord, He is the one Mediator between us and the Father.

## Mankind

We believe that mankind was created in the image of God and is therefore the noblest work of creation. We also believe that human beings have moral responsibility, and are created to enjoy both Divine and human fellowship as children of God.



## The Church

We believe that the church of God is all redeemed believers gathered together by the Holy Spirit and joined into one body, of which Christ is the Head. We also believe that the local church is a community of believers organised in covenant relationship for worship, fellowship and service, practising and proclaiming common convictions, while growing in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. We believe in the priesthood of all believers and practise the autonomy of the local congregation, as we seek to work in association with others for more effective witness.

## The Holy Spirit

We believe in the Holy Spirit, God dwelling within; the Inspirer of Scripture, the Comforter, active in the hearts and minds and lives of mankind; who convicts of sin, gives spiritual rebirth, instructs in righteousness and empowers for witnessing and service.

## Creation

We believe that the Lord God made the heavens and the earth and all that is in them in six days and then rested on the seventh day, sanctifying it as the sign that He is the one true Creator God.

## Eternal Life

We believe that eternal life, being conditional, is available to us only through our Saviour Jesus Christ, and is granted on one's acceptance of salvation in Him who, having conquered death, will gather together, not only those who have died righteous, but also the living righteous, and will bestow upon them immortality in glorified bodies, at His return in heavenly power and glory.

## Baptism

We believe the baptism of believers by immersion is a command of Christ, being a witness to, and the consummation of, one's acceptance of Him as Saviour and Lord, and it is a symbol of death to sin, and rebirth to a new life in Christ.

## The 10 Commandments

We believe that the Ten Commandments are 10 divine precepts – applications of the eternal and universal principle of love, established by God and given to mankind at creation, written by His 'finger' at Mt Sinai. They were magnified by Jesus Christ and shown by Him to be the moral code for all mankind to live by.