

We affirm that there is one living and true God, infinitely perfect and eternally existent in the persons of Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Though each person of the Godhead possesses the same nature, each functions differently with respect to God's dealing with man (*Dt. 6:4*).

God the Father

We believe the first person of the Trinity orders and directs all things according to His own purpose, pleasure and grace. He created the universe apart from any pre-existing materials and without any means other than His own pure power. He has decreed all things that come to pass for His own glory. He graciously involves Himself in the affairs of men, hears and answers prayer, and saves from sin and death all who come to Him through Jesus Christ (*Matt. 6:9; John 5:19-24; Eph. 1:3-6*).

God the Son

We affirm the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, His virgin birth, His sinless life, His miracles, His substitutionary and atoning death through His shed blood, His bodily resurrection, His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and His personal return in power and glory (*John 3:16, Acts 2:24-27, Heb. 12:3*).

God the Spirit

We affirm the present ministry of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a godly life. We affirm the fullness of the Holy Spirit as the empowerment of the Christian for witness and service.

The Bible

We affirm the Bible to be the Holy Spirit-inspired, authoritative Word of God and that it is eternally reliable.

Salvation

We affirm that salvation is by grace through faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. We affirm that repentance toward God, faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, and regeneration by the Holy Spirit are necessary to salvation (*Eph. 2:8-10, Rom 8:31-39*).

Resurrection

We affirm the resurrection of both the saved and the lost; those who are saved to the resurrection of life and those who are lost unto the resurrection of eternal separation from God.

The Church

We affirm the one, universal church, which is the Body of Christ. We affirm Christ as its head. We affirm all who are born-again as its members. We affirm the church's purpose as offering worship to God; fellowship, ministry and instruction to itself; and evangelism and service to the world. We affirm the ministries of Ephesians 4. We affirm the spiritual unity of believers in our Lord Jesus Christ in the essentials of the faith and freedom in matters in which mature believers might disagree.

Church Government

We affirm that the church is to be ruled by a plurality of elders, and that none of these elders is to be of higher "rank," either in theory or in practice, than the other elders. Some elders may have a teaching gift and may appear more visible, but all authority is in Christ the head with the elders accepting the stewardship of shepherding the flock (*1 Pet. 5: 1-2; Acts 14:20; Phil. 1:1, 1 Tim. 5:17*).

Sacraments

We affirm believers' baptism by immersion in obedience to our Lord Jesus Christ. We affirm the importance of regular participation at the divinely instituted Table of our Lord (*Matt. 28: 19; 1 Cor. 11:23-24*).

Spiritual Gifts

We affirm that the Holy Spirit provides one or more spiritual gifts to all believers, manifesting them as He wills. We affirm that all of the gifts of the Holy Spirit, including the gift of tongues, are operative today (*Acts 2:1-11; Rom 12:3-8; 1 Cor. 12, 14*).

Spiritual Reality

We affirm the ministry and presence of angels, and the reality of the devil and demonic forces (*Matt. 10:5-23; 1 Tim. 4:1; Rev 5:10-12*).

Moral Accountability

We affirm the sanctity of life, chastity for Christian people, and the sacredness of Christian marriage.