



STATEMENT OF FAITH



SCRIPTURES

We believe in the verbal and plenary inspiration of the 66 books of the Old and New Testaments. The Bible is inerrant, infallible, sufficient and entirely trustworthy as originally given. The Bible is the very Word of God and is the supreme and final authority in all matters of faith and conduct (Ps. 19:7-11; Matt. 5:17-18; Jn. 17:17; 1 Cor. 2:13; 1 Thess. 2:13; 2 Tim. 3:15-17; Heb. 4:12; 2 Pet. 1:19-21).



TRINITY

We believe in the one true and living God, eternally existing in three persons - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit - eternal in being, identical in nature and equal in power and glory, having the same attributes and perfections. God is unchangeable in His holiness, justice, wisdom and love. God is the almighty Creator and Sustainer of all things. He is Savior and Judge who governs all things according to His sovereign will and for His own glory. (Gen. 1:26; 3:22; 11:7; Is. 40:12-28; Matt. 3:16-17; 28:19-20; Jn. 1:1-3; 10:30; Acts 5:3-4; Col. 1:15-17; 2 Cor. 13:14; Heb. 1:8).



JESUS CHRIST

We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ, eternal Son of God, became fully man without ceasing to be God. He was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary and lived a sinless life of obedience to the Father's will. In His incarnation Jesus revealed God and redeemed sinners. The Lord Jesus Christ ascended to Heaven, and is now exalted at the right hand of God as our High Priest, Intercessor and Advocate (Matt. 1:18; 3:16-17; Luke 24:51; Jn. 17:5; Acts 1:11; Rom. 8:34; Gal. 4:4-5; Phil. 2:5-11; 1 Tim. 2:5-6; Heb. 4:14; 9:24-26; 1 Jn. 2:1-2).



CREATION

We believe that God the Father is the Creator of heaven and earth. By His Word and for His glory, He freely and supernaturally created the world out of nothing; that Adam and Eve were created by a direct work of God and not from previously existing forms of life; and that all people are descended from the historical Adam and Eve, first parents of the entire human race; and that our Creator established human gender biologically in fixed, binary categories: male and female. Seeking to confuse or change the God-given distinction of the two genders violates God's creative design and revealed will. In light of God's creative design, we believe that the Bible teaches that marriage is the joining of one man and one woman and that sexual intimacy is to be expressed only within the bonds of a Biblically defined marriage. Any other form of marriage or sexual intimacy is immoral and a perversion of God's gracious will. (Gen. 1; 2; Matt. 19:4-6; John 1:3; Rom. 1:24-29; 7:2; 1 Cor. 6:19, 20; 7:1-5; Eph. 5:22-33; Col. 1:16, 17; Heb. 13:4)



SIN

We believe in the universal sinfulness, total depravity and guilt of human nature since the fall, rendering man subject to God's wrath and condemnation (Isa. 53:6; 59:2; Rom. 3:10-23; 5:12-19; Eph. 2:1-5, 12).



END TIMES

We believe in the imminent personal and visible return of the Lord Jesus Christ, His millennial rule on earth, the bodily resurrection of the just and the unjust, God's judgement of the living and the dead, the everlasting blessedness of the saved, and the eternal punishment of the wicked (Zech. 14:1-11; Acts 1:11; 1 Thess. 4:13-5:10; Rev. 19:11-16; 20:1-6).



GRACE

We believe that redemption from the guilt, penalty and power of sin is possible only through the vicarious, sacrificial death and bodily resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ as our Representative and Substitute. Salvation is entirely a work of God's grace and cannot be earned or deserved. All who believe in Christ are justified by faith alone, adopted into the family of God and receive eternal life (Jn. 1:12-13; Rom. 5:6-21; 6:23; Eph. 2:8-9; Tit. 3:4-7).



NEW LIFE

We believe in the necessity of the work of the Holy Spirit to make the death of the Lord Jesus effective to the individual sinner bringing conviction of sin, regeneration and granting the sinner repentance towards God and saving faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. The Holy Spirit indwells the believer bringing assurance of salvation, a desire for holiness of life through separation from sin, commitment to serve his Lord and Saviour and, through the process of sanctification, transforms the believer into increasing likeness to Christ (Jn. 3:5-8; 16:7-15; Acts 2:4; 4:31; 13:9, 52; 1 Cor. 2:9-16; 12:13; 2 Cor. 3:18; Gal. 5:16; Eph. 1:13, 14; 5:18-20).



CHURCH

We believe in the one universal Church of Christ, which is His bride. The Church is the body of Christ and made up of all those who are born again. In its universal aspect the Church encompasses time and space but in its local expression is established for worship, mutual edification, and witness. While organizations like Geneva Hills have been raised of God to fulfil the Great Commission to make disciples of all nations, the local church is the center of God's program for world evangelization (Acts 13:1-3; 14:23, 27; 1 Cor. 1:2; 12:13; Gal. 3:26-28; Eph. 1:22-23; 5:25-32; 1 Tim. 3:15).