

# What We Believe

**GOD** - There is one God, who is three distinct but equal persons: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. God is the Almighty Creator, Saviour and Judge who sustains and governs all things.

**THE HOLY BIBLE** - God has revealed Himself in the Holy Bible. Every word was inspired by God, through authors, and is without error and fully reliable. The Holy Bible is therefore the sole authority for Christian belief and conduct.

**THE HUMAN RACE** - All men and women, being created in the image of God, have equal dignity and worth. Their greatest purpose is to obey, worship and love God. As a result of the fall of Adam and Eve every aspect of human nature has been corrupted. Therefore, all people are guilty sinners without spiritual life and hostile to God. Every person needs to be born again, forgiven and reconciled to God in order to know and please Him.

**THE LORD JESUS CHRIST** - The Lord Jesus Christ is fully God and fully man. He was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of a virgin, and lived a sinless life in obedience to the Father. On the cross He died in the place of sinners, bearing God's punishment for their sin, redeeming them by His blood. He rose from the dead and in His resurrection body ascended into heaven where He is exalted as Lord of all.

**SALVATION** - Salvation is entirely a work of God's grace and cannot be earned by good works. It has been accomplished by the Lord Jesus Christ and is offered to all in the gospel. All who show true repentance and believe in Jesus Christ are justified by faith alone, adopted into the family of God and receive eternal life.

**THE HOLY SPIRIT** - The Holy Spirit has been sent from heaven to glorify Jesus Christ and to apply His work of salvation. He convicts sinners, imparts spiritual life and gives a true understanding of the Holy Bible. He lives in all believers, brings assurance of salvation and produces increasing likeness to Jesus Christ.

**BAPTISM** - We practice baptism by immersion to those who request it and give evidence of sincere repentance towards God and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. Baptism is an act of obedience and testimony but does not of itself impart spiritual life.

**THE LORD'S SUPPER** - The Lord's Supper is principally a regular Church ordinance which is continuing a remembrance of our Lord's death and suffering until He returns. It involves no change in the bread and wine. We welcome all believers who have been baptised by immersion to join with us.

**THE CHURCH** - Jesus Christ is the head of the universal Church to which all who are saved belong. It is made visible in local Churches. We believe the pattern of the New Testament local church is to consist of baptised believers, who are committed to each other for the worship of God, the preaching of the Holy Bible, administering Baptism and the Lord's Supper.

**THE FUTURE** - The Lord Jesus Christ will return in glory. He will raise the dead and judge the world in righteousness. The wicked will be sent to eternal punishment and the righteous will be welcomed into a life of eternal joy with God.