

## STATEMENT OF AFFIRMATION

### **The Word of God**

(2 Timothy 3:15-17)

We believe in the authority of the Holy Bible and that it is the authentic word of God, written by men but divinely inspired by God. The word inspired means God breathed, therefore the word is the very breath of God.

### **The True God**

(Genesis 1:26, John 4:23-24; Matthew 3:16-17, Matthew 28:19, Philippians 2:5-10)

We believe in a Triune God revealed to us as Father, Son and Holy Spirit. They are not three separate beings but one in divine essence and will, however distinct in personal attributes. The word Triune is not found in the Bible, however its implication is made evident throughout scripture. We believe that Jesus is the Son of God which means He is God in human flesh and is both God and man. We further believe the Holy Spirit is not a force or energy, but a person in the Godhead.

### **The Fall of Man**

(Genesis 1:27, 3:6-24; Romans 5:19)

We believe that man was created by God in a state of holiness and was innocent until he was tempted by Satan and through free will chose to transgress the command of God, fell from his original state and entered into a state of sin.

### **Sin**

(Romans 3:10, 23, Ephesians 2:8)

We believe that sin is not just an act, but a state of being (a condition). Therefore, man cannot obtain right standing with God through works.

### **The Way of Salvation**

(Romans 5:8, 6:23, 10:9; John 3:16)

We believe as a result of our sin condition, God has given us a cure. That cure is Jesus Christ, the savior of the world, who died, was buried, and rose from the dead with a bodily resurrection. As a result of His resurrection, death is defeated and if one believes in his heart and confess with his mouth, he will be saved.

### **Baptism and the Lord's Supper**

(Matthew 28:19, Acts 8:36-39; Matthew 26:26-28, I Corinthians 11:23-26)

- Baptism - We believe that Christian baptism is the immersion in water of a believer. It is the external illustration of what has taken place internally within the new believer. One has the responsibility to examine themselves before partaking and to do it in remembrance of Jesus' sacrificial bloodshed that instituted the new covenant.
- Communion - The Lord's Supper is the commemoration of the death of the Lord Jesus, preceded by solemn self-examination.