



Our Statements of Belief

As believers in God, we are commanded by His word to, '**contend for the faith that was once for all entrusted to God's holy people**', (Jude v3). This 'faith' has been revealed by God in the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments. Listed below are the teachings which are crucial to the understanding of that 'faith'. These, in turn, should produce mutual love, practical service and evangelistic zeal:

- The **one true God** who lives eternally in three persons—the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.
- The **love, grace and sovereignty of God** in creating, sustaining, ruling, redeeming and judging the world.
- The **divine inspiration and supreme authority** of the Old and New Testament Scriptures, which are the written Word of God—fully trustworthy for faith and conduct.
- The **dignity of all people**, made male and female in God's image to love, be holy and care for creation, yet corrupted by sin, which incurs divine wrath and judgement.
- The **incarnation of God's eternal Son**, the Lord Jesus Christ—born of the virgin Mary; truly divine and truly human, yet without sin.
- The **atoning sacrifice of Christ** on the cross: dying in our place, paying the penalty of our sin and defeating evil, so reconciling us with God.
- The **bodily resurrection of Christ**, the first fruits of our resurrection; his ascension to the Father, and his reign and mediation as the only Saviour of the world.
- The **justification of sinners** solely by the grace of God through faith in Christ.
- The **ministry of God the Holy Spirit**, who leads us to repentance, unites us with Christ through new birth, empowers our discipleship and enables our witness.
- The **Church, the body of Christ** both local and universal, the priesthood of all believers—given life by the Spirit and endowed with the Spirit's gifts to worship God and proclaim the gospel, promoting justice and love.
- The **personal and visible return of Jesus Christ** to fulfil the purposes of God, who will raise all people to judgement, bring eternal life to the redeemed and eternal condemnation to the lost, and establish a new heaven and new earth.