

## Statement of Faith

### Paragraph 1:

WE BELIEVE that God is the Eternal<sup>1</sup> King<sup>2</sup>. He is an infinite<sup>3</sup>, unchangeable<sup>4</sup> Spirit<sup>5</sup>, perfect<sup>6</sup> in holiness<sup>7</sup>, wisdom<sup>8</sup>, goodness<sup>9</sup>, justice<sup>10</sup>, power<sup>11</sup> and love<sup>12</sup>. From all eternity<sup>13</sup> He exists as the One<sup>14</sup> Living<sup>15</sup> and True<sup>16</sup> God in three persons<sup>17</sup> of one substance<sup>18</sup>, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit<sup>19</sup>, equal in power and glory<sup>20</sup>.

#### REFERENCES PARAGRAPH 1

**1** DEU 33:27, ROM 1:20; **2** PSA 95:3, ISA 43:15; **3** PSA 143:5, JOB 11:7-9;  
**4** JAM 1:17; **5** JOH 4:24; **6** MAT 5:48;  
**7** ISA 6:3, 1PE 1:15-16; **8** PSA 104:24, PRO 2:6,  
ISA 28:29; **9** EXO 33:19, PSA 63:2, PSA 31:19;  
**10** PSA 33:5, PSA 89:14, ISA 30:18;  
**11** EXO 15:6; **12** 1JO 4:8; **13** ISA 43:13;  
**14** ISA 45:5, 1CO 8:4; **15** PSA 42:2, PSA 84:2;  
**16** JER 10:10; **17** JOH 1:18, JOH 10:30,  
JOH 14:9, JOH 14:16-17, JOH 14:26,  
JOH 15:26, 2CO 3:17-18; **18** JON 1:1,  
JOH 1:14, 2CO 3:17; **19** MAT 28:19-20,  
2CO 13:14, REV 1:4; **20** REV 5:13, EPH 3:14-21

### Paragraph 2:

WE BELIEVE that God's kingdom is everlasting<sup>21</sup>. From His throne<sup>22</sup>, through His Son, His eternal Word<sup>23</sup>, God created<sup>24</sup>, upholds<sup>25</sup> and governs<sup>26</sup> all that exists<sup>27</sup>: the heavenly places<sup>28</sup>, the angelic hosts<sup>29</sup>, the universe<sup>30</sup>, the earth<sup>31</sup>, every living thing<sup>32</sup> and mankind<sup>33</sup>. God created all things very good<sup>34</sup>.

#### REFERENCES PARAGRAPH 2

**21** PSA 45:6, PSA 145:13, DAN 4:3;  
**22** PSA 93:1-2; **23** JOH 1:1-3, 1CO 8:6,  
COL 1:15-16, HEB 1:1-2; **24** GEN 1:1,  
PSA 95:3-5; **25** COL 1:17, HEB 1:3  
**26** PSA 103:19, PSA 104:24-29; **27** PSA 96:4-6;  
**28** PSA 89:11; **29** PSA 103:20-21;  
**30** COL 1:16-17; **31** PSA 104:5; **32** PSA 103:22;  
**33** PSA 22:28, PSA 47:8; **34** GEN 1:31

### Paragraph 3:

WE BELIEVE that Satan, originally a great, good angel, rebelled against God, taking a host of angels with him<sup>35</sup>. He was cast out of God's presence and, as a usurper of God's rule, established a counter-kingdom of darkness<sup>36</sup> and evil on the earth<sup>37</sup>.

#### REFERENCES PARAGRAPH 3

**35** REV 12:7-9; **36** 2CO 11:14, COL 1:13-14,  
EPH 6:12; **37** MAR 3:22-26, EPH 2:1-2,  
1JO 5:19

### Paragraph 4:

WE BELIEVE that God created mankind in His image, male and female<sup>38</sup>, for relationship with Himself and to govern the earth<sup>39</sup>. Under the temptation of Satan<sup>40</sup>, our original parents fell from grace<sup>41</sup>, bringing sin<sup>42</sup>, sickness<sup>43</sup> and God's

judgment of death to the earth<sup>44</sup>. Through the fall, Satan and his demonic hosts gained access to God's good creation<sup>45</sup>. Creation now experiences the consequences and effects of Adam's original sin<sup>46</sup>. Human beings are born in sin<sup>47</sup>, subject to God's judgment of death<sup>48</sup> and captive to Satan's kingdom of darkness<sup>49</sup>.

#### REFERENCES PARAGRAPH 4

**38** GEN 1:26-27; **39** GEN 1:26; **40** GEN 3:1, REV 12:9; **41** GEN 3:8, ROM 1:21, ROM 5:16; **42** ROM 5:12; **43** JOH 5:14; **44** 1CO 15:22; **45** JOH 8:44, 1JO 5:19; **46** ROM 8:20-23; **47** PSA 51:5; **48** EZE 18:4, ROM 2:5, ROM 2:12, HEB 9:27; **49** GAL 1:3-5, GAL 4:8-9, COL 1:13

#### Paragraph 5:

WE BELIEVE that God did not abandon His rule over the earth<sup>50</sup> which He continues to uphold by His providence<sup>51</sup>. In order to bring redemption, God established covenants<sup>52</sup> which revealed His grace to sinful people<sup>53</sup>. In the covenant with Abraham, God bound Himself to His people Israel, promising to deliver them from bondage to sin and Satan and to bless all the nations through them<sup>54</sup>.

#### REFERENCES PARAGRAPH 5

**51** PSA 24:1, PSA 96:10, ISA 40:22, HEB 1:3; **52** ROMANS 9:4, **53** EPH 2:12; **54** GEN 17:3-8, GEN 12:2-3, GEN 15:4-6, ROM 4:3-5, ROM 4:16, ROM 4:20-25, GAL 3:6-9, GAL 3:13-14

#### Paragraph 6:

WE BELIEVE that as King, God later redeemed His people by His mighty acts from bondage in Egypt<sup>55</sup> and established His covenant through Moses, revealing His perfect will and our obligation to fulfill it<sup>56</sup>. The law's purpose is to order our fallen race<sup>57</sup> and to make us conscious of our moral responsibility<sup>58</sup>. By the work of God's Spirit<sup>59</sup>, it convicts us of our sin<sup>60</sup> and God's righteous judgment against us<sup>61</sup> and brings us to Christ alone for salvation<sup>62</sup>.

#### REFERENCES PARAGRAPH 6

**55** EXO 15:3-18; **56** EXO 19:3-6, EXO 24:3-4, EXO 24:7, ROM 8:3-4, ROM 8:12-14; **57** DEU 5:1-3, DEU 30:15-18, GAL 3:23-25; **58** PSA 25:8-10, ROMANS 7:7; **59** JOH 15:26, JOH 16:8-11, 2CO 3:14-17, ROM 7:13, GAL 3:19, GAL 3:21-22; **60** ROM 2:1-11; **61** GAL 3:24, PHI 3:8-9

#### Paragraph 7:

WE BELIEVE that when Israel rejected God's rule over her as King<sup>63</sup>, God established the monarchy in Israel<sup>64</sup> and made an unconditional covenant with David<sup>65</sup>, promising that his heir would restore God's kingdom reign over His people as Messiah forever<sup>66</sup>.

#### REFERENCES PARAGRAPH 7

**63** 1SA 8:6-8; **64** 1SA 8:21-22, 1SA 9:15-16, 1SA 10:1, 1SA 10:24, 2SA 7:11-16, PSA 89:34-37; **65** ISA 9:6-7, ISA 11:1-5, JER 23:5-6, EZE 34:23

#### Paragraph 8:

WE BELIEVE that in the fullness of time<sup>67</sup>, God honored His covenants with Israel and His prophetic promises of salvation<sup>68</sup> by sending His only Son<sup>69</sup>, Jesus, into the world<sup>70</sup>. Conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary<sup>71</sup>,

as fully God and fully man in one person<sup>72</sup>, He is humanity as God intended us to be<sup>73</sup>. Jesus was anointed as God's Messiah and empowered by the Holy Spirit<sup>74</sup>, inaugurating God's kingdom reign on earth<sup>75</sup>, overpowering the reign of Satan by resisting temptation<sup>76</sup>, preaching the good news of salvation<sup>77</sup>, healing the sick<sup>78</sup>, casting out demons<sup>79</sup> and raising the dead<sup>80</sup>. Gathering His disciples<sup>81</sup>, He reconstituted God's people<sup>82</sup> as His Church<sup>83</sup> to be the instrument of His kingdom<sup>84</sup>. After dying for the sins of the world<sup>85</sup>, Jesus was raised from the dead on the third day<sup>86</sup>, fulfilling the covenant of blessing given to Abraham<sup>87</sup>. In His sinless, perfect life<sup>88</sup> Jesus met the demands of the law<sup>89</sup> and in His atoning death on the cross<sup>90</sup>, He took God's judgment for sin<sup>91</sup> which we deserve as law breakers<sup>92</sup>. By His death on the cross He also disarmed the demonic powers<sup>93</sup>. The covenant with David was fulfilled in Jesus' birth from David's house<sup>94</sup>, His Messianic ministry<sup>95</sup>, His glorious resurrection from the dead<sup>96</sup>, His ascent into heaven and His present rule at the right hand of the Father<sup>97</sup>. As God's Son and David's heir<sup>98</sup>, He is the eternal Messiah-King<sup>99</sup>, advancing God's reign throughout every generation and throughout the whole earth today<sup>100</sup>.

#### REFERENCES PARAGRAPH 8

**67** MAR 1:15, GAL 4:4; **68** ROM 1:2-4;  
**69** JOH 1:14; **70** JOH 1:17-18; **71** LUK 1:30-35;  
**72** JOH 1:14 PHI 2:5-7; **73** ROM 5:19,  
1CO 15:22, 1PE 2:22, 2CO 5:21, ROM 8:29;  
**74** LUK 3:21-22, LUK 4:16-21;  
**75** MAR 1:14-15, LUK 11:20, LUK 17:20-21;  
**76** LUK 4:1-13; **77** LUK 4:43; **78** LUK 4:40;  
**79** LUK 4:41; **80** LUK 7:14-17;  
**81** MAR 1:16-17; **82** MAR 3:13-15;  
**83** MAT 16:18; **84** LUK 9:1-2, LUK 10:1-17;  
**85** JOH 1:29, JOH 6:51, JOH 4:9-10;  
**86** MAR 8:31, 1CO 15:3-5; **87** GAL 3:13-14;  
**88** ACT 3:14-15, HEB 4:15;  
**89** ROM 5:18-19; **90** 1PE 2:24; **91** GAL 3:13,  
2CO 5:21; **92** ROM 1:18, ROM 1:32,  
ROM 2:12, 2TH 1:6-10; **93** COL 2:13-15;  
**94** MAT 1:1; **95** LUK 1:68-72, LUK 2:10-11,  
MAT 9:27; **96** ACT 2:24-28; **97** ACT 2:29-36;  
**98** ROM 1:1-4; **99** HEB 1:1-3;  
**100** 1CO 15:24-26, EPH 1:19-23, REV 5:5

#### Paragraph 9:

WE BELIEVE that the Holy Spirit was poured out on the Church at Pentecost in power<sup>101</sup>, baptizing believers into the Body of Christ<sup>102</sup> and releasing the gifts of the Spirit to them<sup>103</sup>. The Spirit brings the permanent indwelling presence of God to us<sup>104</sup> for spiritual worship<sup>105</sup>, personal sanctification<sup>106</sup>, building up the Church<sup>107</sup>, gifting us for ministry<sup>108</sup>, and driving back the kingdom of Satan<sup>109</sup> by the evangelization of the world through proclaiming the word of Jesus<sup>110</sup> and doing the works of Jesus<sup>111</sup>.

#### REFERENCES PARAGRAPH 9

**101** ACT 1:8, ACT 2:1-4; **102** 1CO 12:13;  
**103** 1CO 12:4-7; **104** JOH 14:16-17;  
**105** ROM 12:1, EPH 5:18-20;  
**106** ROM 8:3-4; **107** 1CO 14:12,  
1CO 14:26; **108** ROM 12:4-6;  
**109** LUK 11:20, 1JO 3:8; **110** EPH 6:10-20;  
**111** JOH 14:12-13, ROM 15:18-19,  
1CO 4:20

**Paragraph 10:**

WE BELIEVE that the Holy Spirit indwells every believer in Jesus Christ<sup>112</sup> and that He is our abiding Helper<sup>113</sup>, Teacher<sup>114</sup>, and Guide<sup>115</sup>. We believe in the filling or empowering of the Holy Spirit<sup>116</sup>, often a conscious experience<sup>117</sup>, for ministry today<sup>118</sup>. We believe in the present ministry of the Spirit<sup>119</sup> and in the exercise of all of the Biblical gifts of the Spirit<sup>120</sup>. We practice the laying on of hands for the empowering of the Spirit<sup>121</sup>, for healing<sup>122</sup>, and for recognition and empowering of those whom God has ordained to lead and serve the Church<sup>123</sup>.

**REFERENCES PARAGRAPH 10**

**112** ROM 8:9-10; **113** JOH 16:7;  
**114** JOH 14:26; **115** JOH 16:13-15,  
ROM 8:14; **116** LUK 24:49, ACT 4:31;  
**117** ACT 8:18-19, ACT 19:1-2;  
**118** 1CO 2:4-5, 2CO 4:7, 2CO 6:4-7;  
**119** JOE 2:28-29, ACT 2:15-17;  
**120** 1CO 12:7-11, 1CO 14:1, 1CO 14:5,  
1TH 5:19-21; **121** ACT 8:14-17, ACT 19:6;  
**122** MAR 1:41, LUK 6:18-19, MAR 16:18;  
**123** ACT 13:1-3, 1TI 4:14, 2TI 1:6

**Paragraph 11:**

WE BELIEVE that the Holy Spirit inspired the human authors of Holy Scripture<sup>124</sup> so that the Bible is without error<sup>125</sup> in the original manuscripts. We receive the sixty-six books of the Old and New Testaments<sup>126</sup> as our final, absolute authority, the only infallible rule of faith<sup>127</sup> and practice<sup>128</sup>.

**REFERENCES PARAGRAPH 11**

**124** 2TI 3:16-17, 2PE 1:20-21, 1CO 2:12-13,  
JOH 14:26; **125** PSA 19:7-9, PSA 119:11,  
PSA 119:30, PSA 119:43, PSA 119:89,  
MAT 5:17-18, JOH 3:34, JOH 10:35,  
1TH 2:13, REV 22:6; **126** LUK 24:44,  
2PE 3:15-16, REV 22:18-19; **127** ISA 40:8,  
MAT 24:35; **128** MAT 7:21, MAT 7:24,  
LUK 1:38, JAM 1:22-25

**Paragraph 12:**

WE BELIEVE that the whole world is under the domination of Satan<sup>129</sup> and that all people are sinners by nature<sup>130</sup> and choice<sup>131</sup>. All people therefore are under God's just judgment<sup>132</sup>. Through the preaching of the Good News of Jesus and the Kingdom of God<sup>133</sup> and the work of the Holy Spirit<sup>134</sup>, God regenerates<sup>135</sup>, justifies<sup>136</sup>, adopts<sup>137</sup> and sanctifies<sup>138</sup> through Jesus by the Spirit<sup>139</sup> all who repent of their sins<sup>140</sup> and trust in Jesus Christ as Lord<sup>141</sup> and Savior<sup>142</sup>. By this they are released from Satan's domain and enter into God's kingdom reign<sup>143</sup>.

**REFERENCES PARAGRAPH 12**

**129** LUK 4:5-7, 1JO 5:19; **130** 1CO 15:22,  
EPH 2:1-3; **131** ROM 1:21-23, ROM 1:32;  
**132** ROM 1:18, ROM 2:5, 2CO 5:10,  
EPH 5:6; **133** MAR 1:14-15, ACT 8:12,  
ACT 28:31, EPH 5:5; **134** JOH 16:7-11;  
**135** JOH 3:5-8; **136** I PET 1:23;  
**137** ROM 5:1-2, ROM 5:9; **138** ROM 8:15,  
GAL 4:6; **139** EPH 5:25, HEB 13:12,  
1PE 1:1-2; **140** ACT 2:38; **141** ROM 10:9;  
**142** 1JO 4:13-15; **143** COL 1:13-14,  
PHI 3:20

**Paragraph 13:**

WE BELIEVE in the one<sup>144</sup>, holy<sup>145</sup>, universal Church<sup>146</sup>. All who repent of their sins and confess Jesus as Lord and Savior are regenerated by the Holy Spirit<sup>147</sup> and form the living Body of Christ<sup>148</sup>, of which He is the head<sup>149</sup> and all are members<sup>150</sup>.

**REFERENCES PARAGRAPH 13**

**144** JOH 17:20-21, EPH 4:3-6;  
**145** 1CO 3:16-17; **146** MAT 16:17-18,  
1CO 1:2, EPH 2:18-19, 1PE 2:9-10;  
**147** TIT 3:4-7; **148** ROM 12:4-5;  
**149** EPH 1:22, EPH 5:23; **150** 1CO 12:27

**Paragraph 14:**

WE BELIEVE that Jesus Christ committed two ordinances to the Church: water baptism<sup>151</sup> and the Lord's Supper<sup>152</sup>. Both are available to all believers.

**REFERENCES PARAGRAPH 14**

**151** MAT 28:19-20; **152** 1CO 11:23-26

**Paragraph 15:**

WE BELIEVE that God's kingdom has come in the ministry of our Lord Jesus Christ<sup>153</sup>, that it continues to come in the ministry of the Spirit through the Church<sup>154</sup>, and that it will be consummated in the glorious, visible and triumphant appearing of Christ<sup>155</sup> - His return to the earth as King<sup>156</sup>. After Christ returns to reign<sup>157</sup>, He will bring about the final defeat of Satan and all of his minions and works<sup>158</sup>, the resurrection of the dead<sup>159</sup>, the final Judgment<sup>160</sup> and the eternal blessing of the righteous and eternal conscious punishment of the wicked<sup>161</sup>. Finally, God will be all in all<sup>162</sup> and His kingdom, His rule and reign<sup>163</sup>, will be fulfilled in the new heavens and the new earth<sup>164</sup>, recreated by His mighty power, in which righteousness dwells<sup>165</sup> and in which He will forever be worshipped<sup>166</sup>.

**REFERENCES PARAGRAPH 15**

**153** DAN 7:13-14, MAT 4:23, MAT 12:28;  
**154** MAT 6:10, MAT 10:7-8, MAT 24:14,  
MAR 13:11, JOH 15:26-27, ROM 14:17-18;  
**155** MAR 13:26, ACT 1:9-11, 2TH 2:8;  
**156** REV 19:11-16; **157** MAT 25:31-32,  
1CO 15:23-25; **158** REV 20:10;  
**159** 1CO 15:51-52; **160** JOH 5:28-30,  
REV 20:11-15; **161** MAT 25:31-46;  
**162** 1CO 15:24-48; **163** 1TI 6:13-16;  
**164** 2PE 3:13, REV 21:5; **165** REV 21:27;  
**166** 1TI 1:17, REV 7:9-12