



**DEEPER FAITH. GREATER ADVENTURES. STRONGER BONDS.**

## STATEMENT OF FAITH & BELIEFS

### SCRIPTURE

*2 Timothy 3:16*:: The Bible alone in its entirety – the Old and New Testaments – is God’s inspired Word.

### GOD

*Genesis 1:1, Isaiah 40:28, Acts 17:24*:: God is the Creator of all things. He exists eternally in three persons – the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

### JESUS CHRIST

*Colossians 2:9, Matthew 1:18, Isaiah 7:14, John 3:16*:: Jesus Christ is God incarnate. He is fully God, having been conceived by the Holy Spirit, and fully man, having been born of the Virgin Mary. He is the only begotten Son of God.

### HOLY SPIRIT

*John 14:6, Isaiah 59:21, Matthew 28:19*:: The Holy Spirit is fully God. From the moment of conversion, He indwells and is at work in all who believe and are born again. He seals believers in Christ for eternal life.

### MAN

*Genesis 2:7, Genesis 3:23, Romans 6:23*:: Man is born with a sinful nature, and so is separated from God, under the penalty of death, and unable to save himself.

### THE DEATH AND RESURRECTION OF CHRIST

*Isaiah 53, John 18:26–20:29, Romans 5:7-9, Luke 24:19*:: Jesus Christ, who was without sin, voluntarily died on the cross, shedding His blood to pay the penalty for our sin. He was raised bodily from the dead on the third day and ascended bodily to heaven.

### SALVATION

*Romans 3:21-26, Ephesians, 2:1-9, Psalm 62:1, John 3:16, 2 Corinthians 5:21*:: Salvation – the deliverance from sin and its penalty of death – is a free gift of God’s grace, available to all, but effect only to those who believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and receive Him as their Savior. All who are saved are spiritually reborn with a new nature and given eternal life.

### MARRIAGE, GENDER AND SEXUALITY

*These beliefs concerning marriage, gender and sexuality are based upon utmost, sincere convictions that are central to our faith.*

*Genesis 2:18–25*:: The term “marriage” has only one meaning: the unity of one man and one woman in a single, exclusive union, as delineated in Scripture.

*1 Corinthians 6:18; 1 Corinthians 7:2-5; Hebrews 13:4*:: We believe that God intends sexual intimacy to occur only between a man and a woman who are married to each other.

*Genesis 1:26-27*:: We believe that God wonderfully and immutably creates each person as male or female. These two distinct, complementary genders together reflect the image and nature of God.

*Matthew 15:18-20; 1 Corinthians 6:9-10*:: We believe that any form of sexual immorality – including adultery, fornication, homosexual behavior, bisexual conduct, bestiality, incest, and use of pornography – is sinful and offensive to God.

*Acts 3:19-21; Romans 10:9-10; 1 Corinthians 6:11*:: We believe that God offers redemption and restoration to all who confess and forsake their sin, seeking His mercy and forgiveness through Jesus Christ.