

## **DOCTRINAL BASIS OF THE CHURCH**

### **WE BELIEVE IN**

1. The full and verbal inspiration of all the Old Testament and New Testament Scriptures as originally given, and of these alone, their being in themselves the Word of God, without error, and wholly reliable in both fact and doctrine, their final authority and perpetual sufficiency in all matters of faith and practice.
2. The unity of the Godhead and the divine co-equality of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, the sovereignty of God in creation, providence and redemption.
3. The total depravity of human nature in consequence of the fall, and the necessity for regeneration.
4. The true and proper Deity of the Lord Jesus Christ, His virgin birth, His real and perfect manhood, His work of atonement for sinners of mankind by His substitutionary sufferings and death, His bodily resurrection and His ascension into heaven, and His present priestly intercession for His people at the right hand of the Father.
5. The justification of the sinner by God the Father by grace through faith in the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.
6. The work of the Holy Spirit as essential for a true and spiritual understanding of the Scriptures, for regeneration, conversion, and sanctification and for ministry and worship.
7. The universal Church, the body of which Christ is the Head, embracing all the redeemed, called by God through the Gospel, born of the Spirit and justified by faith, the local church, comprising such believers as the expression of the universal church, and fellowship between such churches manifesting the unity of the body of Christ.
8. The ordinances of Baptism and the Lord's Supper as being instituted by the Lord Jesus Christ, but not in Baptism as conveying regenerating grace, nor in the Lord's Supper as being a sacrifice for sin or involving any change in the substance of the bread and wine.
9. The personal visible bodily return of the Lord Jesus Christ to earth in power and in glory.
10. The resurrection of the body, the final judgment of all men by the Lord Jesus Christ, with the everlasting blessedness of the righteous and the eternal punishment of the ungodly.