

## Statement of Faith

As a seminary with an evangelical orientation, our statement of faith includes seven essential elements.

We believe that the Bible alone, and the Bible in its entirety, is the written Word of God, inspired by the Holy Spirit, inerrant in all that it teaches and therefore absolutely authoritative as the only infallible rule for faith and life. We believe that through the power of the Holy Spirit, God speaks to us in the Scriptures today to accomplish His purpose of salvation in Jesus Christ.

We believe that there is but one living and true God, the Creator, Preserver and Governor of all things, who is Spirit infinite in being and in all perfections. We further believe that the one God exists eternally in Three Persons--the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit--all three having the same nature, attributes and perfections but each executing distinct but harmonious operations in the work of creation and redemption.

We believe that Jesus Christ, the eternal Son of God, in His incarnation, united to His divine nature a true human nature and so continues to be both God and man, in two distinct natures, but one Person, forever. He was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, perfectly obeyed the law of God, died on the cross as a vicarious and victorious atonement for sin and rose again bodily on the third day for our justification. He ascended to the Father's right hand where He now reigns and intercedes for His redeemed.

We believe that human beings are created in the image of God as male and female and possess dignity. All people are called to glorify God, to live in relationship with God and one another, and to be stewards of the creation. We further believe that our first parents, in disobedience to God, sinned and consequently incurred physical death and spiritual separation from God, bringing sin, guilt, depravity and misery upon all humanity.

We believe that God in mercy and grace redeems all who repent of their sin and trust Jesus Christ alone for their salvation, justifying them through faith in the Savior and giving them new life by the Holy Spirit. God further wills that Christians grow in grace and in knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Believers are kept by the power of God unto eternal salvation and are called to a life of discipleship and holiness in joyful obedience to Jesus Christ.

We believe that the church is the people of God, the body of Christ and a fellowship in the Spirit of all those saved by the grace of God. We further believe that this one, Holy, catholic and apostolic church expresses itself in a local body of believers and encompasses and transcends the various local, denominational and transdenominational expressions of the life of the believing community. The church is called and sent into the world by the Triune God to declare and demonstrate the Good News of Jesus Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit.

We believe that at a day and hour known only to God, our Lord Jesus Christ shall come again personally, bodily, visibly, gloriously, to consummate His Kingdom of righteousness and peace. We believe in the resurrection of the unrighteous unto eternal punishment and the resurrection of the righteous unto eternal glory in the new heaven and the new earth. Come, Lord Jesus, come.