



## Statement of Faith

While it is recognised that the Bible is the only sufficient rule of faith and practice, this College accepts the following Statement of Faith (as hereinafter defined) as a summary of Biblical beliefs. For purposes of interpretation in this Statement of Faith 'God' is also referred to as 'He', 'His' or 'Him'. The Statement of Faith is to be upheld and preserved by its Employees, Ordinary Members, Board Members or persons associated with the College:

a) **About God**

There is one true living God, who is Spirit, light and love. The Creator and Ruler of the universe, including everyone and everything in it, who is absolutely holy, infinitely good and great, all-powerful, all-present, all-knowing and personal. He has eternally existed in three persons, the Holy Trinity i.e. the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. These are co-equal and are one God.

b) **About Jesus Christ**

Jesus Christ is God, the Son, and the second person in the Trinity. He came to earth and took on humanity still fully God and now forever also fully human. This incarnation was achieved through a miraculous conception and virgin birth, Jesus lived a sinless human life in perfect obedience to the Father and offered Himself as the perfect sacrifice for sin and a substitution in our place at His death on the cross. By the Holy Spirit's power, God the Father raised Him bodily from the dead, conquering Satan, sin and death. He ascended to Heaven's glory where He intercedes on our behalf. He will return to Earth bodily to claim His own and visibly reign as King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

c) **About the Holy Spirit**

The Holy Spirit is God with the Father and the Son. He is personally present in power to fulfill all of God's program purposed in love. He is present in the world to convince people of their sin and need for Jesus Christ. Upon a person's repentance toward God and faith in Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit takes up residence in the individual. The Holy Spirit provides believers with power for living a godly life, understanding spiritual truth and guidance in doing what pleases the Father. In Him reside all the spiritual gifts necessary to build up the Church. He exercises these gifts through believers as they submit to Him. Christians are to be filled with the Holy Spirit and live daily under His control.

d) **About the Bible**

The Bible is God's self-communication in written form to us. It is an historical book written by human authors, under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. It is the revelation of the objective Word of God regardless of our subjective response to it. It is the supreme source of truth and the final authority for Christian belief and living. It is not an end in itself but the means by which we come to knowledge of Christ. Because God inspired it, it is the truth without error.



e) **About people**

People are the supreme object of God's creation. They are made in His image to be His representatives and like Him in character. Although all human beings still display evidence of their divine creation, they are marred by an attitude of disobedience toward God called sin. Sin is the irrational assertion of independence from the Creator, tainting the good in people and in their thoughts, words and deeds. From the moment the human race rebelled (fell), this attitude of alienation or death means that every individual is hopelessly lost and destined for an eternity in hell, the second death.

f) **About Satan**

We believe in the distinct personality of Satan, that he is the god of this age, author and prince of all powers of darkness and sin, and is destined to the judgment of an eternal justice in the lake of fire.

g) **About eternity**

All people are created as eternal beings. Heaven and Hell are real places of eternal existence. After death, there will be a resurrection of the body and a final judgment of all people by the Lord Jesus Christ. There will then be the creation of new heavens and earth where sin will no longer exist. All will either exist eternally in Hell, alienated and separated from God because of personal sin (eternal loneliness and death); or eternally in fellowship with God through salvation from sin (eternal union or life).

h) **About Salvation**

Salvation begins for the individual when that person receives the free gift of eternal life. Eternal life is the very life of Jesus Christ Himself resident in the individual through the person of the Holy Spirit. This occurs upon repentance of our sin towards God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ alone. This gift of God's grace and mercy is what Jesus Christ has made possible by His perfect life, His atoning death, His powerful resurrection, His glorious ascension, His ongoing priesthood and His certain return. Salvation is assured by the grace, commitment and power of God. The Holy Spirit provides power over sin as a person lives in dependence upon and in obedience to Him.