

## **THE LITTLE CHURCH WORLD STATEMENT OF FAITH**

**We hold to the following principles that, taken together constitute, the Statement of Faith of the Church**

### **Principle 1: The Bible in Infallible**

**We believe that the Bible is the word of God transmitted to the world by human hand through the working of the Holy Spirit. It follows therefore that there are no contradictions, inconsistencies or errors in the Bible.**

### **Principle 2: God in Three Persons**

**We believe that there is only one God and that He is eternally existent in three persons—Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

#### **God the Father**

**God the Father is the creator and sustainer of all things and He created the universe. He created man in His own image for fellowship and, after the rebellion and fall of man, reconciled man back to Himself through Christ**

#### **The Son**

**Jesus Christ was with the Father and the Holy Spirit from the beginning, and through Him all things were made. He left heaven, was born a man through the Virgin Mary by the workings of the Holy Spirit and dwelt amongst us for our redemption.**

#### **The Holy Spirit**

**The Holy Spirit is God and He cleanses us from our old nature and works in us to make us more Christ-like. The outpouring and working of the Holy Spirit was first evidenced at Pentecost and is as available to us here and now as it was then.**

### **Principle 3: The Significance of the Cross**

**Christ's death on the cross paid the penalty for the sins of the whole world, but its benefits are only applicable to those who receive Jesus as their personal Saviour.**

### **Principle 4: Salvation**

**The Word of God declares clearly that salvation is a free gift of God, based on the death of His Son, and is appropriated by faith.**

### **Principle 5: Evil**

**We believe that Satan is the instigator of evil and a real spirit being, not simply the personification of evil. He was utterly defeated at the cross and in God's timing he will be**

cast into the eternal lake of fire. In the meantime, he deceives the world and seeks to tempt, accuse, attack and destroy believers. He can be resisted by the believer through faith, discernment, exposure and reliance on the power of the Holy Spirit.

### **Principle 6: Spiritual Battle**

As a consequence of Principle 5, this world is a spiritual battleground and when we step out for Jesus, we attract opposition both in the spiritual and natural realms. Nevertheless, when Christians endure, they emerge victorious because they are under the Divine coverage of the Creator of the Universe.

### **Principle 7: Conduct**

We believe that Christians should strive to glorify God in all they do. Their goal is to be good advertisements to those seeking and to those presently lost.

### **Principle 8: Leadership**

Christian leadership is about Servant leadership modelled by our Lord Jesus Christ. The Christian leader puts his flock before himself; he is not concerned with status but sees his role as enabling, encouraging and counselling; his leadership is about loving not lording.

### **Principle 9: Prayer, Praise and Worship**

We are spiritually strong when we commit to prayer both corporately and individually. We also praise God for who He is and because it pleases Him, it lifts our spirits and is an important part of our armoury in the spiritual battle.

### **Principle 10: The Great Commission**

Evangelism - Jesus said in Acts (1:8) "...you shall be my witness." We believe it is the duty and privilege of every follower of Christ to endeavour to make disciples of all nations. Also, we are to refute false doctrines, false religions, and whatever else might contradict the word of God, but we are to do this in love (1 Pet. 3:15).

### **Principle 11: Fellowship**

We believe that fellowship is where the phrase "love one another" should be commonplace and practiced. We are committed to fellowship and the building of lifelong relationships.

### **Principle 12: Stewardship**

We make it a priority to be good stewards of all that God has given to us. We tithe and give offerings and pray for His direction on where we should give. We practice total transparency regarding the receipt and use of tithes and offerings.