

# Essential Doctrine

Recognising that there are broad doctrinal differences among Christians, we seek wherever possible not to be divided over doctrine. However in order to best serve our churches we have outlined the doctrinal beliefs we hold as fundamental.

## 1. Concerning God

We believe that there is one true and living God who is eternal. God has revealed himself as One being, coexisting in three persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit (1 Cor 8:6).

### Jesus The Christ

We believe that Jesus is fully God and Fully man (Phil 2:6-8). He was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary (Matt 1:18-23), lived a sinless life, paid for the sin of mankind through His death on the cross. (2 Cor 5:21) We believe Jesus was physically resurrected (1 Cor 15:3-4), He ascended into heaven and He is coming again (Acts 1:11). We believe that eternal salvation and the forgiveness of sins are through faith in Jesus alone (Eph 2:8).

### The Holy Spirit

We believe in the baptism of the Holy Spirit and in the operation of the gifts of the Holy Spirit in the church today (Acts 1:8, 1 Cor 12:8-10).

## 2. Concerning The Scriptures

We believe that 'The Bible' (Old and New Testament) is the inspired Word of God. The bible is our all sufficient rule for Christian faith and practice (2 Tim 3:16-17).

## 3. Concerning The Church

We believe that the church is the people of God in the earth (Col 1:18), wherever possible believers should be integrated in a local church fellowship (Heb 10:25). We believe that all Christians should commit themselves to living holy lives in obedience to God's word (1 Pet 1:14-19).

## 4. Concerning Eternity

We believe in the bodily resurrection of the dead (1 Cor 15:42) at the return of Christ. At which time he will judge all mankind (Matt 25:31-46).

