



STATEMENT OF FAITH

Our statement of faith is based entirely on the truth revealed in the Bible. It states clearly the most important things we believe and live by.

1. The Bible: We believe in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, in their original writing, as fully inspired and given by God and accept them as the supreme, infallible and final authority for faith and life.

2. The Trinity: We believe in one God, eternally existing as three Persons - Father, Son and Holy Spirit and each person is distinctly and fully God, and there is one indivisible and Sovereign God.

3. Sin & Humanity: We believe that God created humanity - male and female - in His image ; that humans rebelled through sin against God resulting in all being spiritually dead, inwardly sinful, guilty and eternally separated from God without hope of salvation apart from Christ.

4. Person of Christ: We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ is fully God ; was conceived supernaturally of the Holy Spirit and born in flesh to a virgin called Mary, is fully man, and will be so forever as the Saviour of humanity.

5. The Work of Christ: We believe Jesus Christ died on the cross as the substitutionary sacrifice for the sins of humanity, that is, He became sin for us, was judged by God and died in our place. He was buried and then resurrected bodily on the third day, appearing to His disciples.

6. Present Ministry of Christ: We believe Jesus Christ ascended into Heaven, is presently living and ministering as Head of the Church, our exalted Heavenly High Priest and Advocate before the Father.

7. The Second Coming: We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ will personally, visibly and bodily return in power and glory to earth a second time to judge the living and the dead.

8. Conversion: We believe that the Holy Spirit convicts sinners of sin by revealing Jesus Christ to them in the Gospel, so that by grace alone God grants the gift of

salvation and that through their willing repentance and faith in the finished work of Jesus Christ alone; are forgiven, justified and spiritually born again as children of God.

9. Holy Spirit: We believe in the personality of the Holy Spirit, His regenerating work and abiding presence in the true believer. We believe that the Holy Spirit indwells all true believers and is sent as their Comforter and Empowerer to produce the fruit of the Holy Spirit and the Gifts of the Holy Spirit. We believe in the second experience of the Baptism of the Holy Spirit as a post-conversion in-filling which may then be received regularly for equipping, transformation and ministry.

10. Gifts of Christ: We believe in the divinely ordained gifts of Christ in the ministries of Apostle, Prophet, Evangelist, Pastor and Teacher, which are essential to the ministry, equipping, unity & maturity of the local Church.

11. Heaven and Hell: We believe in the resurrection of both the just and the unjust, the eternal blessedness of the redeemed, and the eternal banishment of those who have rejected the offer of salvation.

12. Church: We believe that the local church should be the expression of the one true Universal Church and therefore new birth and personal confession of faith in Christ are essentials of Church membership. We believe that as "called-out ones", the church is the community where all believers join together to pursue the mission and ministry of Jesus Christ.

13. Water Baptism: We believe in water baptism by immersion of the believer in water as the external sign of our internal salvation and identification with Christ in death, burial and resurrection and as an act of obedience to Christ following repentance.

14. Breaking Bread: We believe in the Lord's Supper as the partaking of the emblems symbolic of the Saviour's broken body and shed blood, in remembrance of His sacrificial death, until He comes.

15. Sanctification: We believe without holiness no one will see the Lord, therefore sanctification is a progressive work of grace by the Holy Spirit in co-operation with man, commencing at the time of the new birth, making us more and more free from sin and like Christ in our actual lives until the consummation of salvation.

16. Sexual Behaviour: We believe in heterosexual relationships between a natural man and natural woman within the confines of lawful matrimony. Obedience to this biblical principle of sexual behaviour is, as with other commands in scripture, an inherent requirement with The Crossing Church.

17. Marriage: We believe in God's creation order within the family, that men and woman were created equal in value but different in role with the Husband being the loving head of the home and wives in free submission to them.

18. Priesthood of All Believers: We believe in the priesthood of all believers.

19. Lordship: We believe in the principle of being in authority by being under authority. As such, it is understood that The Crossing Church membership shall be submitted to the authority of the eldership who in turn submit to the Lord Jesus Christ in matters pertaining to church governance, direction, doctrine and personal behaviour.

20. Involvement: We believe that God uses different activities in the life of the church as a means to bring blessing and grace to people. Therefore, to neglect regular devotion to The Teaching of the Word, Prayer, Worship, Discipleship, Giving, Fellowship and Evangelism is to miss out on the grace, reward, privilege and destiny God has made available.

21. Nations: We believe in the loving inclusion and invitation of the Gospel of Peace to all people of all races and nations. Therefore, we intentionally obey Jesus' Great Commission to disciple people in our cities, our countries and the nations of the whole world.

YOUR DESTINY - GOD'S GLORY - AT THE CROSSING

