

# Statement of Faith

## At the Bridge we believe:

- That there is only one true God—good, eternal, and unchanging—who is the King, Creator, and Redeemer of all. He is perfectly holy, just, loving, and truthful. God is eternally self-existent as one Being in three Persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
- That God is good in all His ways. His nature and character are goodness itself, and every expression of His justice, love, holiness, and truth flows out of His goodness.
- That the Bible is the inspired, infallible, and authoritative Word of God.
- That humankind was created in God's image to know Him and enjoy Him forever. However, through sin we rejected His Lordship and glory. As a result, sickness, death, and judgment entered the world, and all creation now experiences the consequences of sin.
- The Lord Jesus Christ, the one and only Son of God. Conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, He is God's Anointed One, empowered by the Spirit to bring God's kingdom to earth. He was crucified for our sins, died, was buried, rose again, ascended into heaven, and now lives in the presence of the Father and in His people. Jesus is both fully God and fully man.
- That salvation is by God's grace through faith in Jesus Christ. Anyone can be restored to relationship with God by repenting, believing, and receiving Jesus as Saviour and Lord. The Holy Spirit convicts, regenerates, justifies, sanctifies, and adopts us into God's family as sons and daughters.
- The ongoing, sanctifying work of the Holy Spirit. By His indwelling, believers are empowered to live holy lives and minister supernaturally. The baptism of the Holy Spirit, as promised in Acts 1:4-8 and Acts 2:4, is given to believers for power to be witnesses of Jesus.
- That the victorious work of Christ on the cross provides freedom from the power of the enemy—sin, lies, sickness, and torment.
- that the Church is made up of all who put their faith in Jesus Christ. He gave the Church the ordinances of baptism and communion. The Church exists to continue the ministry of Jesus, advancing His kingdom by undoing the works of the enemy, proclaiming the good news of God's love, and discipling the nations.



- The ever-increasing government of God and in the Blessed Hope: the visible return of Jesus Christ to rule and reign with His overcoming bride—the Church.
- That heaven and hell are real. There will be a resurrection of both the lost and the saved: the lost to everlasting separation and death, and the saved to everlasting life with God.
- The Bible is our sole, all-encompassing guide and authority for both faith and practice.

