

THE COMING OF CHRIST

At Christ's return He will resurrect the righteous dead and catch away His living saints to Him "in the air". He will return in a personal, literal, and bodily manner, "with his saints" to establish His millennial kingdom upon earth, and then all saints will live forever with Christ in the new Heaven. Christ's coming is the believer's hope; an incentive to holy living and faithful service, to be ready to meet Him when He comes. 1 Thess 1:10, 4:13-18, 1 Cor 15:51-53, 2 Thess 2:1-8, Isaiah 26:19-21, Revelation 20:4-6.

THE LOCAL CHURCH

The New Testament Church is an assembly of believers gathered together for the purpose of worship, prayer, fellowship; teaching and edifying, whilst being actively engaged in the proclamation of the Gospel. The local church is entirely separate from the state, and wholly independent from any ecclesiastical or religious hierarchy. Its scriptural officers are pastors (bishops or elders), and deacons. The ordinances are those of Baptism and the Lord's Supper. Baptism being by immersion of the believer, thus portraying the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. The Lord's Supper is the partaking of the bread and the cup by the believer as a continuing memorial of the broken body and shed blood of Christ, until He returns. 1 Cor 11:2, Acts 2:41-42, 13:1-5, 16:5, Matt 22:17-21, Rom 6:3-4, 1 Cor 11:23-26, 1 Tim 3.

HEAVEN AND HELL

Heaven is a place of beauty and bliss wherein dwelleth righteousness. Each person who has been born of the grace of God, will spend eternity in the everlasting presence of God, in His prepared Heaven. **Hell** is a place of ceaseless torment, being characterised by fire and brimstone, where all the unsaved will suffer for ever. 2 Cor 12:2-4, 1 Peter 1:3-5, John 14:1-3, Luke 16:19-31, 1 Thess 4:13-18, Rev 21, 22.

ADDITIONAL ISSUES

The King James Bible is the Bible used due to the accuracy of its translation and textual basis.

Speaking in tongues was given by God as a sign for the unbeliever; as a warning to Israel of God's judgment. Its purpose has been fulfilled. Isaiah 28:11, 1 Corinthians 1:22, 14:22, 13:8.

VISION STATEMENT:

A CHURCH GROWING... (1 Cor 3:7, Matt 16:18, 1 Cor. 14:20)

AND GOING... (Matt 28:19-20)

WITH THE GOSPEL (1 Cor 2:2).

POSITION STATEMENT

You are welcome to join with us in fellowship! We are here for you as a church. Our **FOCUS** is: Christ-centred Fellowship, Bible-based Practice, Gospel-focused Ministry, and Spirit-and-Truth Worship. Our **AIM** is to: Glorify the Lord, Obey the Bible, Edify the Saints, and Win the Lost.

Church For You is founded for the glory of God. The Bible is our sole guide for doctrine and practice. We contend earnestly for the faith, and therefore we also oppose error. We preach from the King James Bible, due to its faithfulness and sound textual basis.

TRUTH: As a church we are firmly committed to uphold Bible truth and declare the soul-saving Gospel of Christ. We stand solidly with the faith of God's people down through history, and relate in fellowship with like-minded believers and assemblies in endeavours to further the Gospel.

WITNESS: We stand in faithful witness for Christ to a world lost in sin. We preach salvation by faith in Christ.

MINISTRY: Church For You is an independent, self-governing body. We minister by Bible preaching, outreach, social gatherings, men's, women's, youth and children's ministries, visitation and prayer for the sick, counselling and meeting physical needs; and the exercise of God given gifts and talents in a Biblical manner. Oversight and pastoral care is provided by the pastor, aided by appointed ministry team, and church officers. Public ministry, teaching, and church government is seen in scripture as a role for suitable men. Women are encouraged to adopt scriptural ministry roles, such as teaching other women and children, and in the area of helps.

As a church we want to accord with the Bible. We are selective as to music, events, or programs we support as a church. Most of all our aim is to honour our Lord. If a matter is doubtful, we practice biblical separation.

MEMBERSHIP: Scripturally, "we are members one of another," and members of the Body of Christ, as brothers and sisters of the household of faith. We receive into fellowship believers who have trusted Christ as Lord, and are living consistent Christian lives, in accord with the Bible. Members are persons born again, accepting the Church doctrine, in regular attendance and support of the assembly. Formal application processes also apply for membership with voting rights as per the constitution.

DOCTRINAL STATEMENT:

THE SCRIPTURES

The Bible consisting of Old and New Testaments is the verbally inspired, inerrant, eternal Word of God. It is absolute in its authority, complete in its revelation, final in its statements. It is the sole and final authority for faith and life, and the supreme standard by which all human conduct, creeds and opinions shall be tried. 2 Timothy 3:16, 2 Peter 1:21, 1 Thess 2:13, 2 Peter 3:16, Psalm 12:6-7.

THE PERSON OF GOD

There is only one God, manifested in three persons: God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. He is the eternal, omnipotent, omniscient, omnipresent Creator of the universe. He is holy, merciful, supreme and mankind's only hope of ever attaining salvation. Genesis 1:1, 1 John 5:7, John 4:24, Deut 6:4, John 14:9, Isaiah 40:28, 48:11-13, John 10:30.

THE PERSON OF JESUS CHRIST

Jesus Christ is the only begotten Son of God. He is God manifest in the flesh - fully God and fully man. He was born of a virgin, lived a sinless life, died and shed His blood for the sins of mankind. He rose bodily from the dead and ascended to the right hand of God in heaven, where He ever lives to intercede for believers as their Advocate and High Priest. He will come again to the earth as Lord of lords and King of kings, to judge the world in righteousness. Luke 1:27, John 1:1-14, John 14:6, Ephesians 1:7, Acts 1:11, 1 Cor 15:3-6, 1 Thess 4:13-18, Revelation 20:4-6.

THE PERSON OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

The Holy Spirit convicts of sin, righteousness and judgment, bears witness to the truth and through the Word of God regenerates men. He indwells, seals, guides, teaches, comforts, sanctifies, sets apart the believer for a holy life, and endues him with power for witness and service, whilst imparting the gifts and producing the fruit of the Spirit. John 15:26, John 16:13-14, Romans 8:14-27, Ephesians 4:30, Galatians 5:22-23, Acts 1:8.

THE FALL OF MAN

Man was created holy and perfect for the purpose of fellowship with God. Through the wilful disobedience of sin, man fell from that state. As a result, all men, in their natural state, are lost, alienated from God, and spiritually dead. Apart from the saving grace of Christ, all are under sin's curse, and are subject to God's righteous wrath and condemnation. Genesis 1:27, Genesis 3:6-24, Romans 3:23, Romans 5:12, Revelation 21:8.

SALVATION

Man's only means of forgiveness, salvation, and restoration is wholly of the grace of God through Christ's shed blood and substitutionary death, burial, and resurrection. Man can do nothing to aid his salvation other than respond through faith and repentance to God, who will regenerate him through the second Birth, and exalt him to a position of eternal sonship. Salvation is freely offered to all mankind, which offer, if rejected, results in eternal separation from God to be tormented forever in the Lake of Fire. Eph 2:8-9, Col 1:14, Acts 4:12, Jn 1:12, 14:6, Acts 20:21, 2 Peter 3:9, Rev 20:11-15.

ETERNAL SECURITY

Every true child of God is kept by the power of God. He is under no condemnation for his sin. However, a Christian can, through sin, break fellowship with God and lose his joy, power, testimony, and rewards, and incur the Father's chastisement. Our relationship, based upon the new birth, is eternal. Our fellowship, however, is dependent on obedience and may be broken, restored only by the blood of Christ through the confession of sin to God. Jn 5:24, 10:27-29, Jud 24, Heb 7:25, 1 Cor 3:11-17, 5:1-5, 1 Jn 1:5-10.

THE PERSON OF SATAN

Satan is a person. He is the god of this world and the prince of the power of the air and is constantly going up and down in the earth seeking whom he may devour. He is the declared enemy of God and man. He does not possess any of the attributes of God. He will ultimately have his destiny in the Lake of Fire, where he and his angels will be eternally punished. Job 1:6-7, 1 Peter 5:8, Matthew 24:41, Revelation 20:10.

HOLINESS

Holiness is to be God's standard of living for His people. Believers are made partakers of Christ's holiness. They are called with a holy calling, to walk, not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. It is God's will that each believer be sanctified by the blood of Christ, and the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, thereby receiving power for holy living and effective service. The life of a believer is to be separate from worldliness by consistent conduct before God and man, in personal holiness of heart and life. 1 Thess. 5:23, 1 Peter 1:15-16, 2 Cor 6:17, Hebrews 12:13, Rom 12:1-2, 1 John 1:7.

SEPARATION

Christians are first to be separated wholly unto the Lord, and separated from worldly and sinful practices. This church is opposed to all that is false and out of harmony with the truth of the Bible, including ecumenism and other false movements. The church remains separate from apostasy and unbelief. 2 Cor 6:11-18, 2 Tim 4:2-3, Titus 1:13, 3:10, Eph 5:11, 1 Jn 4:1, 2 Jn 10,11, Jude 3.