

# **DECLARATION OF FAITH**

# FOLLOWERS OF JESUS MINISTRIES

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## **Our Mission**

We adopt on the whole, and for definite reasons, a non-traditionalist approach , caring for the Christian believers in general, building bridges and counteracting as far as possible fragmentation of the Body of Jesus by bringing the reality of Him as risen Saviour to one and all, a message reflected in the New Testament Gospels and the Apostolic Epistles, directing/supporting Christians on their road to healing, both physically and spiritually by instilling faith in the Son of God.

### What we believe

### The Bible

We believe that the Bible, Old and New Testaments, is our absolute guide with regard to authentic worship and faith in God and His Plan of Salvation through faith in Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour.

## God

We believe in one GOD, the Father, the only LORD God Almighty, who is the originator of all things.

## The Son of God

We believe that Jesus is the only begotten Son of God and that God the Father anointed Him with His very own Holy Spirit.

We believe that the Son's unique divinity and glorious nature was bestowed upon Him by His Father and in Him dwells the fullness of the Father.

We believe that in the Old Testament times, Jesus was God the Father's unique heavenly Messenger and the Covenant Maker between God and His People.

We believe in the Virgin birth of Jesus (Yeshua) in Bethlehem.

We believe that the Son of God was made flesh in the New Testament era, putting on the form of God's Servant so that He could wrought, within His own body on the Cross, eternal Salvation for all mankind.

We believe that Jesus died for our sins on the Cross of Calvary, was buried for three days, where-after God raised Him from the dead, highly exulted Him, gave Him a Name above all names and bestowed on Him all power in heaven and on earth.

We believe that Jesus is our eternal High Priest, King and sole Mediator between us and God. He continually intercedes for us with His Father and equips us with the Spirit of Holiness.

We believe in the Second Coming of Jesus on the clouds of heaven when He will physically return with the shout of an archangel and every eye shall see Him in all His glory.

A New Commandment I give unto you, that you love one another as I have loved you! (John 13.34)

### The Holy Spirit

We believe that the Holy Spirit as revealed in the New Testament, is God's very own Spirit giving life and spiritual sustenance to those who believe, manifesting God's Presence in diverse ways.

We believe in the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost day, firstly in the Upper Room, thereafter in diverse ways and places. When Jesus was raised up to the right hand of God, He received the Holy Spirit from the Father, and poured it out on His followers. God offered this Power from on High as a gift to all generations in order to enable them to expand the kingdom of God.

We believe that the baptism in Holy Spirit as well as the gifts of the Holy Spirit, as we see displayed in the New Testament, should still be active within the life of the church since it did not end with the close of the New Testament or the death of the last Apostle of Jesus Christ.

#### Water Baptism

We believe that in Christ Jesus, God in His infinite grace and love offered salvation freely to all flesh. Each and every individual can willingly either accept or reject God's grace.

We believe that those individuals that accept God's gift of salvation should repent of their sins and be baptized – immersed – in water as an outward sign of acceptance of his/her salvation.

We believe that believers should be baptized – immersed – in the Name of Jesus Christ for or because of, the remission of sins.

#### Marriage and singleness

We believe and honour God's institution of matrimony, i.e. between one male and one female. Singleness is honoured equally with marriage and the church is to bless, respect, and fully include those who are single.

#### The consummation of all things

We believe in the physical, visible, personal and glorious second coming of Jesus Christ on the clouds of heaven.

We believe in the resurrection of the dead and the glorification of those alive in Christ.

We believe that God the Father has appointed Jesus to judge the living and the dead and everyone shall receive according to his deeds; the wicked shall receive the wages of sin which is death and the righteous shall receive everlasting life.

For an expanded version of our confession of faith go to Declaration of Faith – Expanded Version