

House Church Statement of Belief

Our core beliefs are centred in Christ and his teachings, which are found and supported in the Bible. Our theology comes directly from the good news of Jesus Christ, as found in Scripture.

We believe...

That the Bible, containing the 66 books of the Old and New Testaments, is God's word to us and the supreme source of truth for Christian beliefs and living and that Scripture, in its entirety, originated with God and was written by human authors, under the supernatural guidance of the Holy Spirit.

That there is one true, holy God, the Creator and Ruler of the universe who exists eternally in three persons: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

That Jesus Christ is the Son of God, born of a virgin; truly divine and truly human, yet without sin. That he went to the cross to redeem us, pay for our sin and make us right with God the Father. That he was resurrected bodily, ascended to the Father and continues to reign and mediate as the saviour of the world.

That the Holy Spirit is the third Person of the Trinity who leads us to repentance, unites us with Jesus through new birth and empowers our discipleship to live like Jesus.

That salvation is a gift from God through faith in him alone, not by anything we can do on our own merit.

That the church, both local and universal, is the body of Christ. That it is given life by the Holy Spirit and empowered through the imparting of His gifts to worship God and demonstrate God's love to the world.

In the personal and visible return of Jesus Christ to fulfil the purposes of God at a divinely appointed time in the future. At that point he will raise all people to judgement, bringing eternal life to followers of Jesus and eternal condemnation to those who have chosen not to follow him, and he will establish a new heaven and new earth.

That Scripture is the final authority in all matters of faith and practice. In the essential beliefs of the Christian faith, we have unity. In non-essential beliefs, we have liberty and in all our beliefs, we show charity.

In the dignity of all people, male and female. That all were created by God in his image and likeness, according to his will, and so all lives have equal worth. That marriage, an institution established by God, should be between two sexually different people (a man and a woman) and that a follower of Jesus should only marry another follower of Jesus of the opposite sex.