

# NORTHGATE

## CHURCH

### *Statement of Faith*

**Godhead** There is one true and living God who has existed from all eternity. He has revealed Himself in three distinct persons: The Father, The Son Jesus Christ and The Holy Spirit. (Joel 2:28, 1 Corinthians 8:6, 2 Corinthians 5:19)

**The Father** As we believe on Jesus Christ as our savior and Lord, we are adopted into God's family as sons and daughters. God being our Father, we have unhindered access to His throne of grace. (Matthew 27:51, Galatians 4:4-7, Hebrews 4:16, 10:19-20)

**Jesus Christ** Jesus Christ Is the Son of God. He was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of a virgin and lived a sinless life, fulfilling all righteousness. He was crucified for our sins and iniquities and rose from the dead after three days and appeared to many, ascended to heaven and was seated at the right hand of power. (Matthew 1:18, 23-25, Luke 24:36-39, Acts 2:22-24, 30-33, Romans 5:8&9)

**Holy Spirit** The Holy Spirit is described as the Teacher, Counselor and Helper and is visibly manifested in the fruits and gifts of the Spirit through the lives and ministry of believers.

**Baptism in the Holy Spirit** All New Testament believers were baptized in the Spirit and spoke in tongues, prophesied and glorified God. This experience endued them with power to be overcoming witnesses and is an essential part of every believer's conversion (John 15:26, Matthew 23:8, John 14: 17, Galatians 5:22, 1 Corinthians 12:10, Acts 1:8, 2:4, 10:46, 19:6)

**The Scriptures** The Bible is the inspired, inerrant, and infallible Word of God possessing everything we need for life and godliness and is profitable for teaching, for reproof, correction and training in righteousness. (Matthew 24:35, 2 Timothy 3:16, 2 Peter 1: 3&4, 20&21 )

**Man, Creation, Sin & The Fall** God created the world and all therein by speaking it into existence. Man was also created by God, in His image and after His likeness. In the Garden of Eden man and God had perfect fellowship. When man ate of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil, man was separated from God and sin, sickness, poverty and death entered the human race. (Genesis 1-3, Romans 5:12, Revelation 4: 11)

**Salvation and the New Covenant** All men are hopelessly lost sinners and without Christ face an eternal hell separated from God. Because of God's great love for his creation He sent His only begotten Son into the world to pay the penalty sinful man deserves through the sinless blood sacrifice of His Son. Man is saved by grace through faith believing on the Lord Jesus Christ. The New Covenant in Christ's blood establishes a new relationship with God the Father through the Son for those who believe and trust in Jesus as their savior, advocate, High Priest and Lord. We become joint heirs with Jesus Christ as we believe and accept the gospel of the Kingdom. (Ezekiel 36:27, Jeremiah 31:31, Matthew 7:21-23, John 3:3-7, 16, 17, Ephesians 2:8, 9, Revelation 20:12-15, Romans 3: 23, Hebrews 9:15, 12:24)

**The New Birth** When we receive Jesus Christ as our savior and Lord we are born again. We are given a new, divine nature and become an entirely different order of being. We no longer have to turn over a new leaf or fix externals in our life, but the life of God lives through us moving us to desire to do the Father's will. We have a freedom that comes from the Lord who is the Spirit and are being changed from glory to glory. (Ezekiel 36:27, John 3:3, 1 Peter 1:23, 2:9&10, 2 Peter 1:4, 2 Corinthians 3:16-18)

**The Atonement & Our Inheritance** Through Jesus Christ believers have received redemption from the curse of the law and access to **all** the riches of Christ. We have been redeemed from sin, sickness and death and can exercise faith and authority in the name of Jesus Christ to heal sicknesses, cast out demons, and bring freedom from poverty. We are made joint heirs and more than conquerors through Christ. (Mark 16:16-18, Ephesians 1:9, 19, Galatians 3:13&14, Colossians 2:13-15, Romans 5:17, 8:37)

**The Kingdom of God** The Kingdom is the rule and reign of God over all creation: on the earth, in the heavens and in that which is to come. It exists presently in the heart of each and every believer who has invited Jesus Christ in to their heart and life to rule and reign. The Kingdom isn't built but unlocked and discovered; it is a mystery. It is manifested and seen by the salvation of the lost, the healing of the sick, deliverance of the oppressed and the raising of the dead. When the gospel of Jesus Christ or Kingdom is proclaimed and demonstrated, demons flee, darkness must go and the light, glory and government of God has come. Unless one becomes like a little child and is converted, he cannot enter the Kingdom. (Matthew 10:7-10, 12:28, 13:11, 16:18&19, 18:3)

**The Church** The church is the fellowship of believers who are born again believers in Jesus Christ. It is built on the revelation and knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ who is the Head of the church. The church exists universally, nationally, citywide and in localities meeting in many different forms and ways, when any two or more gather in His name. Through the church the manifold wisdom of God is made manifest to the principalities and powers. (Matthew 16:18, 1Corinthians16:19, Ephesians1:22, 3:20)

**Ordinances of the Church: Water Baptism** is for all those who come to believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and should occur at the time of conversion. (Matthew 28:19&20, Acts 2:37-39) **The Lord's Supper** is open to all who confess Jesus as Lord and was commanded to be done regularly "in remembrance of me". (1Corinthians 11:23-26)

**The Gospel Ministry** God has called every believer to operate and serve in some area of ministry. The church is composed of active participators doing the gospel. The Ephesians 4:11 gifts of Apostle, Prophet, Pastor and teacher are to equip these believers for those works of service. (Ephesians 4:11-14)

**The Rapture** is the snatching away of the righteous on or around the day when the Lord makes His literal return to earth. (1 Thessalonians 4:14-17)

**The Return of the Lord** will occur to bring peace to the earth, to destroy the Antichrist and deliver Israel (1 Thessalonians 4:14-17, Revelation 19:11-21, 20:1-4, 2 Peter 3:9-14)

**The Judgment Seat of Christ** is where the righteous dead are judged and rewarded for deeds done while in the body. (Romans 14:10, 1Corinthians 3:11-15)

**The Great White Throne Judgment** is the judgment of the lost and unsaved (Revelation 20:11-14)

**Heaven** is the dwelling place of righteousness and bliss for the righteous after they die. (John 14:2, Revelation 7:15-17)

**Hell** is a literal place of eternal torment for all who reject the Lord Jesus. It was originally made for the devil and his angels rather than men. (Matthew 25:41, Revelation 20:10,15 )

**New Heavens and a New Earth** God will recreate the heavens and earth at the end of all things. (2 Peter 3:9-14)

**Unity** We believe that in the essentials there must be unity; in non essentials there must be understanding; and in all things love. (1 Corinthians 13:13, Ephesians 1:17-23, Romans 12:5, Ephesians 4:13)