

Ontario Christian Fellowship

Statement of Faith

1. WE BELIEVE the Scripture, both Old and New Testament, is the inspired, infallible and inerrant Word of God, the complete revelation of His will for the salvation of humankind, and the divine and final authority for all Christian faith and life. *(2 Timothy 3:15-17; 2 Peter 1:21; Hebrews 4:12; Psalm 19:7-8; Matthew 5:17-18)*
2. WE BELIEVE that there is one living and true God, the Creator and Sustainer of all things, infinitely perfect and eternally existing in three Persons... the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. *(Deut 6:4; Genesis 1:26; 3:22; Jeremiah 10:10; Psalm 33:6-9; Matt 28:19; 2 Cor 13:14; 1 Timothy 1:17)*
3. WE BELIEVE in God the Father, the infinite, sovereign, personal Spirit, perfect in holiness, wisdom, power, and love; that He concerns Himself mercifully in the affairs of humanity; that He hears and answers prayer; and that He saves from sin and death to all who come to Him through Jesus Christ. *(John 3:16; 4:14; 1 John 4:8; Jeremiah 32:17-19; Romans 5:8; 11:33-36)*
4. WE BELIEVE in God the Son... the Lord Jesus Christ, fully God and fully man, having been conceived of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary; that He lived a sinless life and died on the cross, shedding His blood as the only acceptable sacrifice for our sins; that He arose bodily from the dead, ascended into heaven, where at the right hand of God He now sits as our High Priest and Advocate; and that His literal and personal return to earth in power and glory is imminent. *(John 1:1-3; 20:28-29; Hebrews 1:1-3; 1 Timothy 3:16; Phil 2:5-11; Matt 1:18-23; 1 Cor 15:3-4; 1 Timothy 2:5; Hebrews 2:9-10, 17; 4:14-16; 10:10-12; 1 Thess 4:16-17; Rev 1:8; 5:8-14)*
5. WE BELIEVE in God the Holy Spirit, sent forth from the Father and the Son, whose ministry is to glorify the Lord Jesus Christ; to convict humanity of their sin; to effect spiritual rebirth in the repentant sinner; and to indwell, sanctify, guide, instruct, and empower the believer for godly living and service. *(John 14:16-17, 26; 16:7-15; 1 Corinthians 2:9-16; 3:16; Acts 1:8)*
6. WE BELIEVE that humanity was created in the image of God but fell into sin, and are now sinners by nature and choice, under condemnation, separated from God and spiritually dead. *(Genesis 1:26-27; Isaiah 53:6; Romans 3:23; 5:12, 18-19; John 3:17-18)*
7. WE BELIEVE that salvation is a free gift from God; that a sinner is saved by grace through faith alone, wholly apart from any human merit; that all who believe in Jesus Christ and His atoning work on the cross, receiving Him through faith, in true repentance, confessing Him as both Savior and Lord will be saved. *(Acts 4:12; John 1:12; Romans 1:16; 3:21-26; 6:23; 10:9-10; Ephesians 2:8-9; Titus 3:5-7)*
8. WE BELIEVE in the bodily resurrection of the dead... of the believer to a glorified, eternal life in heaven with the Lord, of the unbeliever to judgement and eternal punishment. *(Acts 24:14-15; 1 Cor 15:20-22; 51-58; 1 Thess 4:13-18; Heb 9:27; 2 Cor 5:10; Matt 25:31-46; Rev 20:10-22:7)*
9. WE BELIEVE in the one true Church consisting of born-again believers from all nations who have been regenerated by their faith in Christ and united together in the body of Christ of which He is the head; who assemble together in local fellowships for worship and edification and whose primary mission is to reach-out to the lost with the gospel of Jesus Christ. *(Hebrews 10:24-25; Romans 12:4-10; Eph 1:22-23)*
10. WE BELIEVE that water baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances for believers, commanded by the Lord Jesus Christ, which are intended to be observed by the Church during this present age. They are, however, not to be regarded as means of salvation. *(Matthew 26:26-28; 28:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26)*