

THE INTERNATIONAL CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY MARSEILLE HOLDS TO THESE ESSENTIAL HISTORIC AND CHRISTIAN BELIEFS AS SUMMARIZED IN THIS STATEMENT OF FAITH.

GOD

THERE IS ONE GOD, CREATOR AND LORD OF THE UNIVERSE, WHO EXISTS ETERNALLY IN THREE PERSONS: FATHER, SON AND HOLY SPIRIT. THESE THREE PERSONS ARE EQUAL IN POWER, GLORY AND DIVINE PERFECTION, AND ARE WORTHY OF WORSHIP AND OBEDIENCE.

THE BIBLE

THE BIBLE, CONSISTING OF THE OLD AND NEW TESTAMENTS ALONE, IS THE INSPIRED, REVEALED, INERRANT WORD OF GOD, AND IS OUR FULL AND FINAL AUTHORITY.

THE LORD JESUS CHRIST

JESUS CHRIST, FULLY GOD AND FULLY MAN, WAS CONCEIVED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT, BORN OF A VIRGIN, LIVED A SINLESS LIFE, DIED IN THE PLACE OF SINNERS ON THE CROSS, ACCOMPLISHING REDEMPTION BY BEARING THE PUNISHMENT AND WRATH FOR ALL WHO BELIEVE. HE ROSE BODILY FROM THE DEAD AND ASCENDED TO HEAVEN WHERE, AS THE ONLY MEDIATOR BETWEEN GOD AND MAN, HE INTERCEDES FOR HIS PEOPLE, AND FROM WHERE HE WILL RETURN IN POWER AND GLORY.

THE HUMAN RACE

ALL MEN AND WOMEN ARE CREATED IN THE IMAGE OF GOD WITH EQUAL AND INHERENT VALUE AND DIGNITY, YET THROUGH ADAM'S DISOBEDIENCE AND OUR OWN PERSONAL CHOICE, ARE SINNERS, ALIENATED FROM GOD, UNDER HIS CONDEMNATION AND WRATH, AND THUS IN NEED OF REDEMPTION.

SALVATION

SALVATION IS BY GRACE, THROUGH FAITH IN CHRIST ALONE. IT HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED BY JESUS CHRIST, AND IS PROCLAIMED AND OFFERED TO ALL IN THE GOSPEL. ALL WHO REPENT AND BELIEVE ARE FORGIVEN, JUSTIFIED, AND MADE NEW CREATURES IN CHRIST, RECEIVING THE GIFT OF ETERNAL LIFE AND ADOPTION INTO GOD'S FAMILY.

THE HOLY SPIRIT

THE HOLY SPIRIT HAS BEEN SENT FROM HEAVEN TO GLORIFY CHRIST AND TO APPLY HIS WORK OF SALVATION. HE CONVICTS SINNERS, IMPARTS SPIRITUAL LIFE AND GIVES A TRUE UNDERSTANDING OF THE SCRIPTURES. HE INDWELLS ALL BELIEVERS, DISTRIBUTES SPIRITUAL GIFTS, BRINGS ASSURANCE OF SALVATION AND PRODUCES INCREASING LIKENESS TO CHRIST. HE BUILDS UP THE CHURCH AND EMPOWERS ITS MEMBERS FOR WORSHIP, SERVICE AND MISSION.

THE CHURCH

THE CHURCH IS ONE HOLY AND UNIVERSAL BODY AND BRIDE OF CHRIST. THE CHURCH IS COMPOSED OF ALL WHO ARE REDEEMED THROUGH THE WORK OF CHRIST AND IS CALLED TO WORSHIP GOD AND TO WITNESS CONCERNING HER HEAD, JESUS CHRIST. THE LOCAL CHURCH PROCLAIMS VALUES, AND SUBMITS TO THE WHOLE COUNSEL OF GOD, ADMINISTERS BAPTISM AND COMMUNION AS SIGNS OF THE GOSPEL, AND EXERCISES SPIRITUAL AUTHORITY TO CARE FOR HER MEMBERS AND FULFILL HER MISSION OF MAKING DISCIPLES OF ALL NATIONS. UNITY IS EXPRESSED WITHIN AND BETWEEN CHURCHES BY MUTUAL LOVE, CARE AND ENCOURAGEMENT. TRUE FELLOWSHIP BETWEEN CHURCHES EXISTS ONLY WHERE THEY ARE FAITHFUL TO THE GOSPEL.

THE RETURN OF CHRIST AND THE FUTURE

JESUS CHRIST WILL RETURN PERSONALLY AND VISIBLY IN GLORY TO RAISE THE DEAD AND BRING SALVATION AND JUDGEMENT TO COMPLETION: THOSE JOINED TO CHRIST BY FAITH WILL BE BROUGHT INTO FULLNESS OF ETERNAL LIFE AND JOY IN CHRIST, THOSE ALIENATED FROM CHRIST WILL BE SEPARATED ETERNALLY FROM GOD. GOD WILL ESTABLISH HIS KINGDOM FULLY WITH A NEW HEAVEN AND A NEW EARTH, IN WHICH HE WILL BE GLORIFIED FOREVER, HAVING TRIUMPHED OVER ALL EVIL, SUFFERING, AND DEATH.

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