

SOMA CITY STATEMENT OF BELIEFS

ONE GOD

There is one God and by him and through him all things were created. He is all-powerful, all-knowing, ever-present, unchanging, perfect, sovereign and holy. He's slow to anger and abounding in love. God eternally exists in three Persons, namely the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. [Romans 8, Ephesians 1:13-14]

JESUS

All of life points to the person of Jesus and through the person of Jesus we can fully know the invisible God. Jesus was born of a virgin, lived a sinless life, died unjustly, and rose from the dead to conquer sin and death, providing the way for man to be eternally reconciled to God. [1 Corinthians 15:1-8, Colossians 1]

MAN

God created man without sin and that by one man's disobedience to God, every person incurred spiritual death, which is separation from God, and physical death as a consequence; and that all people are sinners by nature and practice. As a result, every man is in need of salvation from God. [Genesis 1:26-31; 2:7, 2:18-25, 3:1-24, Rom. 3:23, 5:12, 1 John 5:11-12]

SALVATION

Salvation is a free gift of God made possible only through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Salvation cannot be earned through our efforts but it is available to all who put their faith in Jesus Christ as Savior and follow him as Lord. [Romans 3:23, 6:23, John 3:16]

THE CHURCH

The church is the body of Christ on earth, a community of believers unified through faith in Jesus. The church is empowered by the Holy Spirit to continue the task of leading both the lost and the saved into a growing friendship with Jesus. [Ephesians 4:1-16]

RETURN OF JESUS

Jesus will one day return and reign forever. [1 Thessalonians 4:13-18]

ETERNITY

Death is not the final stop and people were created to exist forever, either united with God through faith in Jesus or separated from God by sin. [John 3:16-17, Hebrews 9:27, 1 Peter 1:4]

THE BIBLE

The Bible is the inspired word of God and is the final authority in life and doctrine. [2 Tim 3:16]