



## STATEMENT OF FAITH

### WE BELIEVE:

A. There is only one true God who is the eternal King, Creator and Redeemer of all that is. He is perfectly holy, just, loving and truthful. He has revealed Himself to be eternally self-existent, one essence in three persons: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

B. The Bible is the inspired, authoritative, and only infallible word of God.

C. Humankind was created in the image of God to know and enjoy Him, yet we willfully rejected the Lordship and glory of God for which we were intended. Because of this, sickness, death and judgment entered the world and now creation experiences the effects and consequences of sin.

D. The Lord Jesus Christ, the one and only Son of God, was conceived of the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin, Mary, and is God's Anointed One, empowered by the Holy Spirit to inaugurate God's Kingdom on earth. He was crucified for our sins, died, was buried, resurrected and ascended into heaven, and is now alive today, in the presence of God the Father and in His people. He is fully God and fully human.

E. We are saved by God's grace, through faith in the person and work of Jesus Christ. Anyone can be restored to fellowship with God through repentance, believing and receiving Jesus as their Savior and Lord. The Holy Spirit, convicts, regenerates, justifies, and adopts us as we enter the Kingdom of God as His sons and daughters.

F. In the sanctifying power of the Holy Spirit, by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live holy and minister super-naturally. The baptism of the Holy Spirit according to Acts 1:4-8 and 2:4 is poured out on believers that they might have power to be witnesses.

G. The victorious redemptive work of Christ on the cross provides freedom from the power of the enemy: sin, lies, sickness and torment.

H. The Church is the visible Body and Bride of Christ on earth. Jesus gave His Church the sacraments of the bread and the cup, baptism and generous giving. The Church exists to carry the nature of Jesus and further advance His Kingdom by: preaching and living out the good news of God's love; transforming our local regions; undoing the



works of the enemy; teaching and discipling the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

I. In the ever-increasing government of God and the impending return of Jesus for His Church. Every human being must choose whether he or she will dwell with God in eternity *or* apart from Him in eternal death. There will be a resurrection of the lost and the saved, one to everlasting death *and* the other to the everlasting life.

J. In the sanctity of marriage, as defined in the Scriptures, in that God created woman as the Kingdom complement to man, to be joined in a covenant marriage (Genesis 2). Therefore, Biblical marriage is limited to a union between a man and a woman in a life-long covenant, and same-sex unions are considered sin. (1 Corinthians 6 & 7, Romans 1, Genesis 2)

K. Vintage City Church is a body of believers that carefully aligns with the convictions and beliefs of the Early Church. Therefore, all of the aforementioned truths are affirmed in accordance with the Scriptures and the first seven, universal councils of the Church.

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