

## HSM Statement of Faith

We believe in the authority, inspiration and infallibility of Scripture; that it deserves our unreserved submission in all areas of life, and that it is the supreme and final authority on all matters on which it speaks.

We believe in one God, the Sovereign Creator and Sustainer of all things; infinitely perfect and eternally existing in three Persons; the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, who are of one substance and equal in power and glory.

We believe that God the Son took on human flesh in the person of Jesus Christ through the Virgin Birth. Thus He who remained true God became true man united in one Person forever. He lived a sinless life and died on the cross as a substitutionary sacrifice for our sins. He was buried and on the third day arose bodily from the dead, ascended to the right hand of the Father, where He now serves as our High Priest and Mediator. In the fullness of time, He shall come again to complete His saving work and to consummate the eternal plan of God.

We believe that human beings were created in the image of God for eternal fellowship with Him, but through disobedience fell into sin, leading to spiritual death and the sentence of eternal separation from God. From this condition, human beings can be saved only by the grace of God, through faith, on the basis of the work of Christ.

We believe that God the Holy Spirit applies the work of Christ to our lives. By justification and adoption we are given a right standing before God; by regeneration and sanctification our nature is renewed. He empowers and imparts gifts to us for service. He instructs and guides us into all truth, and seals us for the Day of Redemption.

We believe that all those who call upon Christ as Savior, must also submit to him as Lord and are accountable for living a life separated from sin and characterized by the fruit of the Spirit. All believers are united together by the Holy Spirit in the Body of Christ, the Church, which finds her visible, yet imperfect, expression in local congregations. For her perfecting, she awaits the return of her Lord.

We believe at the end of the age that the bodies of the dead shall be raised; that the righteous shall enter into eternal joy in the presence of God, and the wicked shall be condemned to eternal separation from God. And that, as a result, it is the responsibility of every individual believer to contribute by word and deed to the spread of the Gospel to everyone everywhere.

