

## Christianity Explored NA

### Statement of Faith

We believe:

1. That there is one living and true God, eternally existing in three persons: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.
2. In the love, grace and sovereignty of God in creating, sustaining, ruling, redeeming and judging the world, and this God governs all things according to His sovereign will for His glory.
3. That the Bible is the Word of God, fully inspired and without error in the original manuscripts, written under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, and that it has supreme authority in all matters of belief and behavior.
4. That since the fall, the whole of humankind is sinful, so that everyone is subject to God's just wrath and condemnation which results in physical, spiritual and eternal death, and that all human beings are born with a sinful nature and are also sinners by choice.
5. That the Lord Jesus Christ is fully God and fully man, conceived by the Holy Spirit. We believe in His virgin birth, sinless life, miracles and teachings. We believe in His substitutionary, atoning death, bodily resurrection, ascension into heaven, perpetual intercession for His people and personal, visible return to earth.
6. That on the cross, and only on the cross, sinful human beings are redeemed from the guilt, penalty and power of sin through the sacrificial death once and for all time of their representative and substitute, Jesus Christ, who bore God's punishment for their sin.
7. That those who repent, forsake sin and believe in Christ are forgiven all their sins and accepted by God, only because of the righteousness of Christ credited to them that this justification is entirely God's act of grace, received solely by trust in Christ and not by their own efforts; that God in His love forgives sinners whom He calls, granting them repentance and faith.
8. That the Holy Spirit has been sent to glorify Christ and to apply His work of salvation; that He convicts sinners, enabling them to turn to God from their sin and to trust in Jesus Christ; that He indwells all believers, unites them with Christ through new birth, bringing assurance of salvation and produces increasing likeness to Christ; that He builds up the Church and empowers its members for worship, service and witness to the world.
9. That the one holy universal church is the Body of Christ, of which Christ is the head, and to which all true believers belong.
10. That the Lord Jesus Christ will return in person to judge the living and the dead, and to establish a new heaven and new earth, and that those who have not repented will receive eternal punishment, while the redeemed will receive eternal glory.