

## STATEMENT OF BELIEFS

**Truth matters** - Without it, we have nothing solid to build our lives upon. At Church at The Mill, the truth of God's Word is always at the forefront. We build our faith off of these foundational beliefs.

**About God** - God is the creator and ruler of the universe. He has eternally existed in three persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. All three are co-equal and one God.

**About Jesus Christ** - Jesus Christ is the Son of God. He is co-equal with the Father and Holy Spirit. Jesus lived a sinless life and offered Himself as the perfect sacrifice for the sins of all people by dying on the cross. He arose from the dead on the third day to demonstrate His power over sin and death. He ascended to Heaven's glory and will return again someday to earth to reign as King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

**About the Holy Spirit** - The Holy Spirit is equal to the Father and the Son. He is present in the world to make people aware of their need for Jesus Christ. He lives in every Christian from the moment of salvation. He provides the Christian power for living, understanding of spiritual truth, and guidance in doing what is right. He gives every believer a spiritual gift when they are saved. Ultimate spirituality is not connected to any particular spiritual gift.

**About the Bible** - The Bible is God's Word to us. It was written by men who were under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. It is the only source of truth for Christian beliefs and living. Because it is inspired by God, it is true. It does not contain any errors.

**About Human Beings** - People are made in the spiritual image of God, to be like Him in character. People are the supreme object of God's creation. Although every person has tremendous potential for good, all of us are marred by sin which separates people from God and causes problems in this life.

**About Salvation** - Salvation is God's free gift to us, but we must accept it. We can never make up for our sin by self-improvement or good works. Only by trusting in Jesus Christ as God's offer of forgiveness can anyone be saved

*from sin's penalty. When we turn from our self-ruled life and turn to Jesus in faith, we are saved. Eternal life begins the moment one receives Jesus Christ into his life of faith.*

**About Eternal Security** - *Because God gives us eternal life through Jesus Christ, the true believer is secure in that salvation for eternity. If you have been genuinely saved, you can't "lose" it. Salvation is maintained by the grace and power of God, not by the self-effort of the Christian.*

**About Eternity** - *People were created to live forever. We will either exist eternally separated from God in Hell or with God in Heaven. Heaven and Hell are real places where resurrected persons ultimately reside forever.*

**About Baptism and Communion** - *Baptism is the immersion of a believer in water. Communion is the taking of bread and juice as a symbol of the body and blood of Jesus.*