

## R.E.A.C.H Statement of Faith

1. The Bible is the inspired, inerrant, sufficient and authoritative Word of God (Psa. 19:7-11; 2 Tim. 3:16-17).
2. There is one God, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit (Deut. 6:4; Matt. 28:19).
3. The Lord Jesus Christ, fully God and fully man, was born of a virgin, lived a sinless life, performed miracles, died a substitutionary and atoning death, and after His bodily resurrection, ascended to the right hand of God, the Father. His people now await His imminent return to earth to rule in power and glory (Matt. 28:6; Luke 1:26-27; John 1:14, 14:3; Heb. 10:11-12; I Pet. 3:18).
4. The Holy Spirit is that person of the Trinity by whose indwelling enables every Christian to live a godly life (Rom. 8:9; Gal. 5:16-25).
5. All men are lost sinners and must turn to Christ in saving faith and repentance through regeneration by the Holy Spirit (Acts 4:12; Rom. 3:23; 5:12; 2 Cor. 7:10; Eph. 2:8-9).
6. Salvation is the gift of God brought to man by grace alone and not by works. It is received by personal faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, whose precious blood was shed for the forgiveness of our sins (Eph. 1:7; 2:8-9). Both the saved and the lost will be resurrected; the saved to eternal life with Christ and the lost to eternal punishment in Hell (Matt. 25:46).
7. Spiritual unity of believers exists between our common faith in Jesus Christ (Rom 15.5-6}
8. God created humankind in His own image. He created male and female. As such He created them differently so as to compliment and complete each other. We believe gender/sex to be immutable. Rejection of one's biological sex is a rejection of the image of God within that person. (Gen 1.26-27, Matt 19.4-6)
9. God created marriage between one man and one woman in a single, exclusive union, as stated in Scripture (Gen 2:18-25). We believe that God intends sexual intimacy to occur only between a man and a woman who are married to each other (1 Cor 6:18; 7:2-5; Heb 13:4). We believe that God has commanded that no intimate sexual activity be engaged in outside of a marriage.

10. Since all humans are made in the image of God, all human life from conception until death, is sacred and is to be valued and protected. (Gen 9.6)