

# PENHOLD CHURCH OF HOPE

## STATEMENT OF FAITH

### DOCTRINE OF GOD

**God is:**

**A. A spiritual being**

(John 4:24, Col 1:15, 1 Tim 1:17, Heb 11:27)

**B. Omniscient, omnipotent, omnipresent, and omnibenevolent**

(1 Kings 8:27; Ps 139:7-10; Jer 23:23-24; Mark 10:27; Rom 11:33; Heb 4:13; 1 John 4:8; Rev 1:8, 4:8, 19:6)

**C. Eternal and unchanging**

(Ex 3:14; Ps 90:2, 102:25-27; 145:13; Isa 48:12; Mal 3:6; John 8:58; James 1:17; Heb 1:12; Rev 1:8)

**D. Self-sufficient and creator of all things**

(Gen 1:1ff; Ex 3:14; Job 41:11; Isa 40:18ff; John 5:26; Acts 17:24-25; Rom 11:36; 1 Cor 8:6; Heb 1:8-13, Rev 4:11)

**E. Triune existing as three persons (Father, Son and Holy Spirit) in one essence**

A. **Unity:** Deut 6:4; Isa 45a, 18; Mark 12:29; Rom 3:29-30a; 1 Cor 8:4; 1 Tim 2:5; Jam 2:19

B. **Father:** Ps 89:26; Isa 63:16; Matt 16:27, 26:39; John 14:16-17; Gal 4:4-6

C. **Son:** John 1:1-3, 14, 18; Col 1:15-19, Phil 2:5-7; Heb 1:1-3a; Rev 1:8

D. **Spirit:** Luke 11:13; John 14:26, 15:26; Rom 8:26-27; 1 Cor 6:11

E. **Trinity:** Matt 28:19; Mark 1:9-11; John 14:16-17; Heb 9:13-14; 1 Pet 3:18

### **God the Father**

**A. The Father loves the world and sent the Son to save the world**

(John 1:14, 3:16-17; Rom 5:8; 2 Cor 5:19-21; Eph 2:1-9; 1 John 4:9-10)

**B. The Father raised the Son from the dead and exalted him to glory and power**

(Dan 7:13-14; Matt 28:18-20; John 13:3; 17:1-5; Acts 2:24,36; 10:40; Eph 1:20-22)

**C. The Father, with the Son, sent the Spirit to all believers**

(Luke 24:49; John 14:16,26, 15:26; 16:7; Acts 2:33; 1 Cor 6:19; 1 Thes 4:8)

## **God the Son**

- A. The Son, conceived by the Spirit and born to the virgin Mary, was sent by the Father to earth as God Incarnate in the person of Jesus the Messiah**  
(Isa 7:14; Matt 1:18ff; Luke 1:26-35; Mark 14:61-62; John 1:14)
- B. The Son is truly God and truly man**  
(Isa 7:14; 9:6-7; John 1:1-5,14,18; 17:5; Col 1:19; Phil 2:5-11; 1 Tim 3:16)
- C. The Son, obedient to the Father's will, lived a sinless life and died on a cross offering atonement for all who believe**  
(Isa 53:1ff; Matt 26:38-39; Luke 23:40-41; John 3:14-17; 19:1ff; 20:30-31; Acts 4:12; 2 Cor 5:21; Col 1:19-23a; Heb 4:15; 1 Pet 2:22-24; 1 John 2:1-2, 3:5; Rev 1:5)
- D. The Son, by the power of the Father, was resurrected bodily on the third day and ascended to power and glory at the right hand of the Father**  
(Luke 24:6-9,45-51; John 2:19-22; 13:1; 16:28; 17:4-5; 20:24-29; Acts 1:2-3,9-11; 2:30-36; 1 Cor 15:3-8; Heb 1:3, 10:11-13, 12:1-2; 1 Pet 3:21-22)
- E. The Son now acts as mediator and high priest between believers and the Father**  
(1 Tim 2:5-6; Heb 6:19-20; 7:24-8:6; 9:15,24-26)
- F. The Son, according to the time designated by the Father, will return to gather his believers to be with him forever**  
(Dan 7:13-14; Matt 24:30-31,36; Mark 13:24-27; Luke 21:26-28; Heb 9:27-28; Rev 1:7)

## **God the Holy Spirit**

- A. The Holy Spirit, in knowing the mind of God, continues to teach the truth of and to glorify Jesus Christ**  
(John 14:16-17,26; 15:26; 16:13-14; 1 Cor 2:10-13; 1 Thes 1:5,6; Heb 2:4, 10:15-17; 1 John 5:27)
- B. The Holy Spirit convicts the unbelieving world of sin, judgment and righteousness**  
(John 16:8-11)
- C. The Holy Spirit, sent by the Father and the Son, indwells all believers bringing regeneration and empowering believers toward sanctification**  
(Luke 11:13; John 7:39, 15:26, 16:7; Acts 1:8, 2:4,33; Rom 5:5, 15:13,16; 1 Cor 12:3; Eph 1:13, 4:30; Tit 3:5)

## **DOCTRINE OF MAN**

- A. **Man, both male and female, is created by God in his image**  
(Gen 1:26-27; 5:1-2; 9:6-7; 1 Cor 11:7; 15:49; Eph 4:24; Jam 3:9)
- B. **Man consists of an embodied soul/spirit**  
(Gen 2:7; Zech 12:1; Matt 10:28; 2 Cor 7:1; 1 Thes 5:23; Heb 4:12; Jam 2:26)
- C. **Man, as created in God's image, has inherent value from conception**  
(Gen 9:6-7; Ps 139:13-16; Jer 1:4-5; Matt 6:25-32; 7:9-11; Luke 12:6-7; 1 Cor 6:19-20)
- D. **Man's purpose and joy is to glorify and serve God**  
(Ps 16:11; Isa 43:7; Jer 32:38-39; Matt 5:14-16; 1 Cor 10:31; Eph 2:10; Col 1:9-12; Heb 13:20-21; 1 Pet 2:11-12; Rev 4:11)
- E. **Man, due to sin through disobedience to God, caused death to enter the world and became separated from God**  
(Gen 2:17; 3; Rom 3:23; 5:12; 6:23; 1 Cor 6:9-10; Eph 4:17-18; Jam 1:15; 1 Pet 1:18; Rev 21:8)
- F. **Man, in the fallen state, follows the inherited sinful nature**  
(Gen 6:5; 8:21; Ps 51:5; Prov 20:9; Ecc 7:29; Isa 53:6; Jer 17:9; Matt 15:18-19; Rom 1:18ff; 5:12-19; 1 Cor 15:21-22; Eph 2:1-3)
- G. **Man is only redeemed through acceptance of Christ's atoning sacrifice**  
(Gen 3:15; Isa 53; John 14:6; Rom 5:8-11; 1 Cor 15:17; 2 Cor 5:14-21; Eph 1:4-8; 2:8-9; 1 Tim 1:15-16; 1 Pet 3:18)

## **DOCTRINE OF SCRIPTURE**

**The Scriptures are:**

- A. **Composed of 66 books comprising the Old and New Testament**  
(Deut 11:18-20; Matt 5:17-18; Luke 16:16-17; John 10:4, 27; Acts 24:14; Rom 3:31; Gal 3:17-24; 1 Tim 5:18; 2 Pet 3:15-16)
- B. **Written by human authors inspired by the Holy Spirit both in its entirety and in its specific words as written in the original manuscripts**  
(2 Sam 23:3; Neh 9:20; Acts 1:16; 2 Tim. 3:16; 2 Pet. 1:20-21)
- C. **Inerrant in all matters it addresses**  
(Num 23:19; Prov 30:5; Titus 1:2; Heb 6:17-18)
- D. **Authoritative as it is God's words**  
(Deut 11:18-20; 18:18-20; Isa 40:8; Jer 1:9; Luke 21:33; 1 Pet 1:25)
- E. **Necessary to reveal God's will and redemptive work**  
(Rom 10:13-17; 16:25-26; Gal 3:8; 1 Tim 2:5-7; Heb 11:13)

**F. Sufficient for all beliefs regarding God, salvation, faith and practice**

(Deut 4:2; 8:3; 29:29; Ps 119:11, 97-99; Matt 4:4; Rom 15:4; 2 Tim 3:14-17; James 1:18; 1 Pet 1:23; Rev 22:18-19)

**G. Centred on the redemptive life, death, resurrection and ascension of Jesus Christ**

(Luke 24:27, 44; John 1:45; 5:39, 45-46; Acts 2:14ff 3:18, 24-25; Rom 10:4; Gal 3:17-24; Heb 10:3-12)

**DOCTRINE OF SALVATION**

**A. Man has sinned and rebelled against God and is deserving of death**

(Gen 3; Ecc 7:20; Isa 53:6; Rom 3:9-20, 23; 6:23; 11:23; Gal 3:22; 1 Jn 1:8-10)

**B. God, out of love for the world, sent his Son to die voluntarily suffering the punishment we deserve**

(Isa 53:4-6; Mark 10:45; John 3:16-17; 10:14-15, 17-18; Rom 5:8; Eph 2:4-5; 5:2; Phil 2:7-8; 1 Tim 2:5-6; Tit 2:14; 1 Pet 1:18-20; 1 John 4:10)

**C. Jesus' sacrificial death and resurrection provides expiation (atonement for sin) and propitiation (satisfaction of God's justice) due for our sin**

(Isa 53:5; Rom 3:25; 5:9; 2 Cor 5:18-19; Eph 5:2; Heb 2:17; 7:25-27; 9:25-26; 1 John 2:1-2; 4:10)

**D. Salvation is available entirely and solely through God's grace to all who trust Jesus as Lord and repent of their sin**

(John 1:12-13; 5:24; Rom 3:24, 28; 4:5; 5:1-2, 9; 10:9-10; 1 Cor 15:1-5; Eph 1:7; 2:5, 8-9)

**E. Salvation is evident through a regenerate life enabled and empowered by the indwelling of the Holy Spirit**

(John 6:63; Acts 2:1-5; Rom 5:1-5; Gal 5:16-18, 22-25; Phil 2:12-13; 1 Thes 1:6 1 John 4:13-16)

**F. Salvation includes justification (legal declaration of righteousness), sanctification (maturing into Christlikeness) and glorification (final restored state in God's presence)**

(Rom 3:21-22; 4:5; 5:1, 19; 8:29-30; 1 Cor 15:42-58; 2 Cor 5:21; Eph 4:22-32; 5:1-2; Phil 2:12-13; Col 3:12-17; Tit 2:2-12; 2 Pet 1:5-10)

## **DOCTRINE OF THE CHURCH**

- A. **The Church consists of all believers saved through Christ.**  
(1 Cor 10:1-4; 12:12-13; Eph 2:11-18, 21-22; 3:6; Heb 3:6)
- B. **Christ is the head of the Church.**  
(Matt 16:15-18; 1 Cor 3:10-11; 12:27; Eph 1:22-23; 2:19-22; Col 1:18)
- C. **The Church is visible as local gatherings of believers for worship, fellowship, edification and discipline.**  
(Matt 16:19; 18:15-20; Rom 14:19; 1 Cor 12:4-7, 14-26; 14:26; Eph 2:21-22; 3:20-21; 4:1-6, 11-16; 1 Thes 5:11)
- D. **The Church's purpose is to further God's kingdom as witness to the gospel and teachings of Jesus Christ.**  
(Matt 28:19-20; Acts 1:8; Eph 2:21-22; 3:10-12; 1 Tim 3:15; Heb 3:6; 1 Pet 2:4-5, 9, 11ff)

## **DOCTRINE OF MARRIAGE, HUMAN SEXUALITY, AND GENDER**

- A. **God created two sexes of equal value: male and female**  
(Gen 1:26-27; 2:7, 21-23; 5:1-2; 9:6; Matt 19:4; Mark 10:6; 1 Cor 11:11-12; Gal 3:28)
- B. **Male and female are defined by biological distinctions**  
(Gen 1:28; 9:7; Matt 19:4-6; Mark 10:6-8; Rom 1:26-27; 1 Cor 6:16-20)
- C. **God established marriage as the lifelong union between one man and one woman**  
(Gen 2:24-25; Matt 19:4-6; Mark 10:6-9; Rom 7:2-3; 1 Cor 7:39; Eph 5:28-33)
- D. **Marriage, as designed by God, is the only appropriate context for sexual intimacy and the raising of children**  
(Gen 1:27-28; 18:19; Ex 20:12; Deut 6:6-7; Matt 19:4-6, 9; Mark 10:6-8, 11-12; Rom 1:26-27; 1 Cor 7:1-5; Eph 6:1-4; Col 3:20-21; 1 Tim 5:14; Heb 13:4)
- E. **Divorce brings reproach to God's teaching and should be avoided except in extreme circumstances**  
(Mal 2:14-16; Matt 5:31-32; 19:3-9; Mark 10:9-12; Luke 16:18; Rom 7:2-4; 1 Cor 6:16-20; 7:10-13, 15-16)

## **DOCTRINE OF THE ORDINANCES**

- A. **Jesus, during his earthly ministry, established two ordinances: Baptism and the Lord's Supper**  
(Matt 26:26-29; 28:19; Luke 22:15-20; Acts 19:3-5; 1 Cor 11:23-26)
- B. **Baptism symbolizes the believer's union with Christ's death, burial and resurrection, best demonstrated through immersion**  
(Matt 3:16; Mark 1:10; Acts 8:34-39; Rom 6:3-5; Col 2:12; 1 Pet 3:21)
- C. **The Lord's Supper testifies to the body and blood of Jesus' sacrificial and atoning death for all who believe**  
(Matt 26:26-29; Mark 14:22-25; Luke 22:15-20; Acts 2:37-41; 16:30-34; 1 Cor 10:16)

## **DOCTRINE OF END TIMES**

- A. **Jesus, at a time appointed by the Father, will physically return to earth to rule and to judge**  
(Matt 16:27; 19:28; 24:27, 30, 36; 25:31-46; John 5:26-27; Acts 1:11 17:31; 1 Cor 15:24-28; 2 Tim 4:1, 8; Rev 21:1-9)
- B. **All people will be physically resurrected — the unsaved to eternal punishment separated from the life and goodness of God and the saved to eternal joy in the presence of God**  
(Matt 25:31-36; John 5:26-29; 14:1-6; Rom 14:9-10; 1 Cor 4:5; 15:35-55; 2 Cor 5:10; Phil 3:20-21; 1 Thes 3:14-18; 2 Thes 1:6-10; Heb 9:27-28; Rev 1:18; 20:11-15; 21:7-8)
- C. **God will establish the new heaven and the new earth**  
(Isa 65:17-19; 2 Pet 3:7, 10-13; Rev 21:1, 5)