

STATEMENT of FAITH of the Africa Evangelical Church

1. THE SCRIPTURES

We believe that the Old and New Testament Scriptures as originally written, were given by verbal and plenary inspiration of God, and are supreme and final authority in Christian faith and practice. 2 Tim. 3:16,17; 2 Pet. 1:19-21; Heb. 1:1-2.

2. THE TRINITY OF GOD

We believe there is only one living and true God, Who exists eternally in three Persons: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Deut. 6:4-5; Gen. 1:26; 1 John 5:7; 2 Cor. 13:14.

3. THE VIRGIN BIRTH OF JESUS CHRIST

We believe that Jesus Christ, the eternal Son of God, was begotten of the Holy Spirit and was born of the virgin Mary, that He might come into the world to save man from sin by His death upon the cross, making atonement through His shed blood. John 1:1,2,14; Luke 1:28-34; John 1:29; 1 Pet. 2:24; 3:18; Heb. 9:12,14,22.

4. THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST

We believe that Jesus Christ rose bodily from the grave and ascended into Heaven where He lives to make intercession for us, and is the One and only Mediator between God and man, and that He shall come again to receive unto Himself all who have been cleansed from sin by personal faith in His shed blood. Matt. 28; Acts 1:10-11; 1 Tim. 2:5,6; 1 John 2:1,2.

5. THE HOLY SPIRIT

We believe in the personality of the Holy Spirit who is the Third Person of the Trinity. He is the One Who convicts man of sin, regenerates those that believe in Jesus Christ, baptizing them into the Body of Christ at their conversion. He seals, indwells, sanctifies and fills believers, producing in them the fruit of the Spirit, and giving them power for service. The Holy Spirit gives gifts to believers as He wills. No gift is given to a believer as an indispensable sign of the fullness of the Spirit. John 16:7-11; 3:5-7; 1 Cor. 12:12-13; Eph.1: 13-14; 4:30; John 14:16-17; 1 Cor. 6:19-20; 2 Cor. 3:18; Acts 4:8,31; Eph. 5:18; John 15:5; Gal. 5:22-23; Acts 1:8; 1 Cor. 12:4-11; Eph. 4:11,12; 1 Cor. 12:28-30.

6. SATAN

We believe in the personality of Satan, that he is the perpetrator and sustainer of evil, who with all his servants will suffer eternal death in the lake of fire. Matt. 4:1-3; 2 Cor. 4:4; Rev. 20:1-15.

7. MAN

We believe that man was created by God and in His image. He rebelled in Adam, and is therefore a sinner by nature, which is expressed in sinful thoughts and deeds, and is of himself not able to please God. Unless He is saved by the grace of God he stands condemned. The believer will be raised in a spiritual body to live in eternal fellowship with God, while the unbeliever will be raised to eternal punishment. Gen. 1:27-31; Rom. 5:12; Ps. 51:5; Is. 64:6; Jer. 17:9; Mark 17:21-23; Rom. 3:10-18; Gal. 5:19-21; Rom. 8:7-8; John 3:18; Heb. 9:27-28; 1 Cor. 15:12,44; Rom. 5:18; Heb. 9:11-12; 1 Thess. 4:13-17; John 5:29; Matt. 25:46; Rev. 20:15.

8. THE UNIVERSAL CHURCH

We believe that the Church universally consists of all those, and only those, who have been redeemed by personal faith in the atoning work of Jesus Christ without any reference to their denominational affiliation. John 14:1-3; 1 Cor. 12:12-13; Acts 2:47; Eph. 1:22, 23; 2:22; 5:2.

9. CHRIST'S RETURN

We believe in the return of Christ to receive the Church, His Bride, unto Himself; and that the Church possesses all prerogatives of self-government, having only One Head, Jesus Christ our Lord, and is free from interference from any super imposed authority. 1 Thess. 4:16-17; Titus 2:12-15; 1 John 3:2.

10. ORDINANCES

We believe that the only ordinances of the Church are baptism and the Lord's Supper as taught in the Word of God, and that one is not eligible for Church membership unless he accepts and believes in practising these ordinances. Matt. 3:16-17; 26:26-30; Acts 8:36-39; Rom. 6:3, 4; 1 Cor. 11:23-32.

11. CIVIL GOVERNMENT

We believe that civil government is of divine appointment, and is for the good of human society; that magistrates, rulers and all in authority are to be prayed for, honoured and obeyed, except in things contrary to the clear teachings of the Word of God. Matt. 22:21; Rom. 13:17; 1 Tim. 2:2.

12. ETERNAL BLESSEDNESS AND PUNISHMENT

We believe in the eternal blessedness of believers in God's eternal kingdom and the eternal punishment of nonbelievers with Satan and his angels in complete separation from God. Matt. 25:41-46; Mark 9:42-48; John 3:16, 36; Rev. 21:8.

13. THE GREAT COMMISSION

We believe that commission to preach the gospel to every creature is directed to every believer in Jesus Christ. Matt. 28:19-20; Acts 1:8.

14. SECOND ADVENT

We believe in the triumphant second advent of Jesus Christ to establish His kingdom on earth. Rev. 20:1-3, 11-15.
