

## STATEMENT OF FAITH OF HILLSIDE CHURCH

Hillside Church is an independent and non-denominational church. We will function with Christ as our head, and the Bible as our ultimate authority. We believe the following statements to be true:

- 1) The **Bible**, in its original manuscripts, is the complete, infallible, written word of God [2 Tim. 3:16-17]—inspired through the work of the Holy Spirit [Jn. 16:13-15]—and as such, represents the supreme and final authority for all matters on which it speaks [Matt. 4:4].
- 2) There is **one, true God** [Ex. 20:3], Creator and Sustainer of all things [Gen. 1:1; Col. 1:16; Heb. 1:3], who has eternally existed [Ps. 90:2] as three persons—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—each of whom is fully God [1 Cor. 8:6; Jn. 1:18; Acts 5:3-4].
- 3) **Jesus Christ** is God [Heb. 1:8-9], the living Word [Jn. 1:1-3], who became flesh through his miraculous virginal conception by the Holy Spirit [Matt. 1:18-25; cf. Is. 7:14]. He is fully God and fully human, unified in one person forever [Phil. 2:6-7]. He lived a sinless life and voluntarily atoned for the sins of humanity by dying a substitutionary death on the cross [Is. 53; 2 Cor. 5:21], thus satisfying divine justice [Rom. 3:25-26] and reconciling sinners back to himself [Jn. 3:16]. He was resurrected from the dead [Lk. 24:46], ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father, where he—the only mediator between God and humanity [1Tim. 2:5]—continually intercedes for his own [Heb. 9:24].
- 4) All **humanity** is created in the image of God [Gen. 1:27], yet all have sinned and live in a state of broken fellowship with God [Gen. 3; Rom. 3:23], and each other [Amos 5:12]. Human nature is corrupted by sin, thus no person is able to please God through any personal effort [Rom 8:8]—there is no one righteous [Rom. 3:10]. Every person is in need of regeneration by the Holy Spirit [Jn. 3:3-6].
- 5) **Salvation** is exclusively a work of God’s free grace and is not the work, in whole or in part, of human works, goodness, or religious ceremony [Eph. 2:8-9]. God imputes the righteousness of Christ to all who put their faith in the Son alone for salvation [Rom. 1:17; Phil. 3:9], and thereby justifies them, restoring them to personal, intimate fellowship with God [2 Cor. 5:18-20]. Assurance of salvation is a blessing of God and confirmed by the witness of the Holy Spirit in the believer’s life [Rom. 8:16; Eph. 1:13-14].
- 6) The **Holy Spirit** has come into the world to reveal and glorify Christ and to apply the saving work of Jesus Christ [Is. 44:3; Acts 1:8]. He convicts and draws sinners to Christ, imparts new life to them—uniting them with Christ [2 Cor. 5:17], indwells them

continually and seals them until the day of redemption [2 Cor. 1:22]. His fullness and power are appropriated in the believer's life through faith [Rom. 8:9; Gal. 5:22-26].

- 7) Jesus Christ is the head of the **Church** [Eph. 5:22-32]; his body is composed of all people who have been united with him through faith [1 Cor. 12:12-13]. God admonishes his people to assemble together regularly for worship, for participation in the ordinances (baptism and communion), for edification through the Scriptures, and for mutual encouragement [Acts 2:42-47; Heb. 10:25].
- 8) At **physical death** the believer enters into eternal, conscious fellowship with the Lord and enjoys everlasting glory and blessing. Our eternal existence will, at some point, necessitate a new body worthy of and able to endure heaven [1 Cor. 15:35-44]. At physical death the unbeliever enters into eternal, conscious, and physical separation from the Lord, suffering everlasting judgment and condemnation [Matt. 25:46; Rev. 20 & 21].
- 9) **Jesus Christ will return** to earth—personally, visibly, and bodily—to consummate history and God's eternal, redemptive plan [Acts 1:11; Matt. 24:30; Rev. 19].