

# MANUP STATEMENT OF FAITH

## 1. God

We believe there is one Creator God - all knowing, all loving, and all powerful - who co-exists eternally in three equal persons: God the Father, Jesus the Son, and the Holy Spirit. (Genesis 1:1, Deuteronomy 6:4, Matthew 28:19, Luke 10: 21, John 10:30, 1 Peter 1:2)

## 2. Jesus

We believe Jesus is the Son of God, fully God and fully human. He was born of a virgin, lived a perfect life, died on the cross for our sins, raised from the dead on the third day, ascended to heaven, and will return again in power and glory to rule and reign forever. (John 1:1-5, Genesis 1:1, Isaiah 9:6, Matthew 1:18-25, 1 Peter 2:24, Ephesians 1:7, Luke 24:6, Acts 1:9, John 14:6, 1 Corinthians 15:13, 1 Peter 4:5)

## 3. The Holy Spirit

We believe the Holy Spirit dwells within every follower of Jesus in order to counsel, equip, empower, guide, and transform each believer into the likeness of Jesus. The Holy Spirit gives spiritual gifts to encourage one another and build up the Church for the work of God in the world. (2 Corinthians 3:17, John 14, 16, Acts 2:38, Romans 8, Galatians 5)

## 4. The Bible

We believe the Bible is the authoritative word of God, inspired by the Holy Spirit, without error, and is vital for helping us understand God's will for our lives; therefore it should be presented in a helpful and hopeful way. (Psalm 1, Psalm 119, 2 Timothy 3:16, 2 Peter 1:21)

## 5. Salvation

We believe salvation is a gift from God for all mankind, and a deep reflection of his grace and mercy towards us. By placing our faith in Jesus Christ, we are saved from our past, set free in the present, and given hope for the future. As a response to God's love towards us in Jesus, we respond in obedience to Him through baptism. God's work through Jesus alone is our only hope. (Romans 3:23, Ephesians 2:8, Romans 6:23, Acts 2:38, Titus 3:5)

## 6. The Church

We believe the Church is the Body of Christ on mission together, in local gatherings, around the world. Jesus is the head of the Church and is sending us out to share the gospel, bless the world, and bring glory to God. MANUP supports the local Church by providing a turn-key solution for reaching, teaching, and equipping men to serve the Church and share their faith. (Ephesians 1:22-23, 4:1-16, 1 Corinthians 12, Hebrews 10:24-25, Matthew 28:18-20)