

Kelso Christian Assembly Statement of Faith

We Believe These Things:

About TRUTH

- We believe that there are things that are absolutely True or False, both in the physical world and the spiritual.
- We believe that the whole Bible is the inspired, infallible and authoritative Word of God. Consequently, it is our rule of TRUTH. (2 Timothy 3:16, 17; 2 Peter 1:20, 21; Matthew 5:18; John 16:12, 13)

About GOD

- We believe in one Triune God, eternally existing in three persons—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We believe that they are co-eternal in being, co-equal in power and glory. Even so, we recognize that each member of the Godhead has appropriate roles within the redemption of creation and humanity that involve submission and sacrifice. (Deuteronomy 6:4; 2 Corinthians 13:14)
- We believe in Jesus Christ, who became human without ceasing to be God. We believe in His sinless life, in His miracles and in His vicarious and atoning death for our sins. We believe in His bodily resurrection, in His return to the Father, in His advocacy as our Priest and in His personal return in power and glory. We believe that He is the only way of salvation and reconciliation to God. (John 1:1–2, 14; Luke 1:35, Romans 3:8; 1 Peter 1:2; Ephesians 1:7, Acts 1:9, 10; Hebrews 7:9; 2 Timothy 4:1)
- We believe in the Holy Spirit, who convicts the world of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment. We believe that He is the Agent of regeneration and sanctification, baptizing all believers into the body of Christ, indwelling and sealing them unto the day of redemption. (John 16:8–11; 2 Corinthians 3:6; 1 Corinthians 12:12–14; Romans 8:9; Ephesians 5:18)

About PEOPLE

- We believe that humans are the pinnacle of God's creation; that they are made in the very "image of God;" and thus embody His attributes, morality and purposes. (Genesis 1:26-27, Psalm 8:3-8)
- We believe that people are born broken; that is to say that each and every part of their being is damaged by Sin. But, we do not believe that they are totally broken! Because we are all made in the image of God, we all have the capacity for beauty, courage, selflessness and creativity. Because we are all broken, we sadly also have the capacity for ugliness, cowardliness, selfishness and to be spoilers of the creation. (Genesis 1:26, 27; Romans 3:22, 23; 5:12; Ephesians 2:1–3, 12)
- We believe that all people are in need of reconciliation to God. We are meant to be united to the Father, the Son and the Spirit – we exist to be in relationship with our creator. Sadly, our inherent brokenness separates us from them and there is no way for us to repair the relationship. There is no spiritual path of enlightenment. That is why the Godhead paid the penalty.

About LIFE

- We believe that life has purpose. All of us have been created by a loving and intimately aware Father with specific gifts and abilities to serve the world and His Kingdom. Ultimately, the purpose of every life is that it is reconciled to God, transformed into the likeness of Jesus and lived with beauty, light, hope and to the full! (Genesis 2:15, Jeremiah 29:11, Romans 8:28-30, 1 Corinthians 12:7)
- We believe that life is for community. It was not good for Adam to be alone and it has not been good for any other person since. We are made to be around other people. Heaven will be full of people and perfect community. The Church, as a reflection of that hope, is our gift, our proving grounds, our school, our comfort and our picture of things to come. That is why Church must be part of every Christian journey. (Gen. 2:21-24; Acts 14:27; 18:22; 20:17, 2 Corinthians 11:2, 1 Timothy 3:1–3; Titus 1:5–11, Revelation 21)
- We believe that life has an ending, that we will all die or be raptured, that we will all be judged for our lives and that we will all live eternally in either heaven or hell. (Matthew 6:20; Luke 12:33, Ephesians 5:5, 2 Thessalonians 1:9, Revelation 20:11-15)