

Emmanuel Chinese Church

Statement of Faith

- 1. All Scripture, the Old and New Testaments, is the inspired Word of God and inerrant in original script and is the final authority for Christian faith and living. Timothy 3:16-17; 1 Corinthians 2:13; 2 Peter 1:21.**
- 2. There is one true and living God who is, was and is to come. He is self-existent. The Eternal Godhead exists in three persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Genesis 1:26; Exodus 3: 14; Acts 5:3-4; John 1:1-4; John 10: 30; Revelation 1:8.**
- 3. God is the creator, sustainer and ruler of all creation. Genesis 1: 1; Colossians 1: 15 – 18.**
- 4. Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. In Him perfect humanity and deity are found in one person. He is the mediator between God and man. He was crucified on the cross for the sins of all mankind and He was buried. He rose again bodily on the third day from the dead, and ascended to Heaven. Isaiah 7:14; Matthew 1:18-23; Luke 1:35; John 5:39, 14: 6; Acts 17:2-3, 18:28, 26:22-23, 28:23; 2 Timothy 2: 5.**
- 5. Mankind was created in the image of God. Since the first man Adam sinned against God by disobedience, all mankind have come short of the glory of God. Therefore, all mankind depends solely on the finished work of Christ who once and for all, poured out His blood on the cross as the atonement for their sins. Those who confess and repent of their sins and receive Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour shall be saved. Genesis 1:26, 2:17, 6:5; Psalm 14:1-3, 51:5; Isaiah 64:6; Jeremiah 17:9; John 3:6, 5:40, 6:53; Romans 3: 23; Ephesians 2:8-9; Acts 13:39.**
- 6. The Holy Spirit convicts mankind of their sins, leads them to repentance and salvation in Christ, and as their Counsellor, He continues to transform their lives by comforting, helping, teaching, enlightening, and equipping them with spiritual gifts. John 7:38-39, 14:16-17, 15:26, 16:13-15; Acts 1:8, 2:1-4; Titus 3:5.**
- 7. The universal church comprises all believers regardless of their race and language. With Christ as her Head, the universal church seeks to follow Christ's teachings and commandments. Local churches are autonomous and independent organizations of believers who are blessed with spiritual gifts to build up fellow-believers, to preach the Gospel and to become the salt and light of the world. 1 Corinthians 12:12-27; Ephesians 4:3-10; Matthew 5: 13 – 16, 28:19-20; Acts 2:41-42.**
- 8. Jesus Christ will appear again as judge to raise those who died in Christ to be united with Him and those who died without Christ to be separated eternally from God. He will reign with those who are justified by faith in the new heavens and the new earth. John 5:28-29; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; 2 Peter 2:9; Revelation 20:5-15, 21:8, 22:11.**