

## David Pawson Teaching Trust

### The Statement of Faith

#### 1. THE BIBLE

We believe the Bible is:

- the history of our universe from beginning to end
- a reliable record of divine words and deeds
- the final authority in matters of belief and behaviour

#### 2. GOD

We believe God is:

- the one and only who has always existed
- creator of the universe and all creatures in it
- judge of all nations, who are accountable to him
- absolutely just yet full of mercy
- revealed through his chosen people Israel
- three persons in one, therefore is love

#### 3. JESUS

We believe Jesus was:

- miraculously conceived in a virgin's womb (Son of David, Messiah/Christ of Israel)
- crucified by Jews and Gentiles together (willed by God as an atoning sacrifice)
- raised from the dead after three days (proved to be who he said he was)
- taken back up to heaven after forty days (where he is Lord of all other powers)

We believe Jesus is:

- the eternal Son of God, now also Son of Man
- fully divine and fully human

#### 4. THE HOLY SPIRIT

We believe the Holy Spirit is a:

- person, distinct from Father and Son
- power, enabling use of supernatural 'gifts'
- purity, producing 'fruit' of godly character

#### 5. SALVATION

We believe Salvation is the process of being redeemed from our sinful state and:

- Begins with
  - repentance of sins against God
  - faith in Jesus as Saviour and Lord
  - baptism by immersion in water
  - reception of the Holy Spirit with evidence
- Continues with
  - adding holiness to forgiveness
  - requiring persevering trust and obedience
- Ends with
  - removal of all sins
  - restoration of the divine image

## 6. THE CHURCH

We believe the Church is:

- the body on earth of Christ, the head in Heaven
- made up of true believers in the whole world (universal) and in one place (local)
- is for the
  - worship of God
  - instruction of disciples
  - fellowship for believers
  - administration of baptism and communion
  - discipline of members
  - evangelism of unsaved
  - service to the community

## 7. THE FUTURE

We believe the state of the World will get worse, not better, until the:

- bodily return of Jesus to rule on earth
- resurrection of saints to reign with him
- dissolution of the present universe
- final judgement of living and dead by Jesus
- guilty are consigned to everlasting torment in hell
- innocent are given everlasting life with God in a new Jerusalem on a new earth in a new universe