

# PASSION YOUTH MINISTRIES

*Christ centered, youth focused*

## STATEMENT OF FAITH

### **A. The Word of God**

The Bible is the final authority for all we believe and how we are to live.

### **B. God**

We believe that the one true God exists eternally in three persons—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—and that these, being one God, are equal in deity, power, and glory. God is infinite in love, perfect in judgments, and unchanging in righteousness and mercy.

We believe that God not only created the world, but also now upholds, sustains, governs, and providentially directs all that exists, and that He will bring all things to their proper consummation in Christ Jesus, to the glory of His name.

### **C. Salvation / Evil**

We believe that salvation is by grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone. No ordinance, ritual, work or any other activity on the part of man is required or accepted for his salvation. This saving grace of God, through the power of the Holy Spirit, also sanctifies us by enabling us to do what is pleasing in God's sight, that we might be progressively conformed to the image of Christ.

We believe that Satan, originally a great and good angel, rebelled against God, taking a multitude of angels with him. He was cast out of God's presence and is at work with his demonic hosts to establish his counter-kingdom of darkness, evil, and unrest on earth. Satan was judged and defeated at the cross of Christ and will be cast forever into the lake of fire which has been prepared for him and his angels.

### **D. Humanity**

We believe that humanity, male and female, was originally created in the image of God, righteous and without sin. As a consequence of disobedience, all persons are sinners by both nature and choice.

## **E. The Church**

The church is a community of people worldwide under the Lordship of Jesus who meet regularly to worship, be disciplined, fellowship, and carry out the great commission together.

1. Jesus established the local church to function with ordained leaders and a form of governance that protects, guides and releases people in their gifts to minister. The church functions under the theocratic rule of God.
2. We believe that the Church is God's primary instrument to equip the saints for the work of ministry.
3. We also affirm the priesthood of all believers and the importance of every Christian being joined with and actively involved in a local community of the saints.

## **F. Missions and Service**

We believe that God has called the Church to work together in unity and honor in preaching the Gospel to all nations and in remembering the poor and ministering to their needs through sacrificial giving and practical service.