



Statement of Faith and Values

STATEMENT OF FAITH:

1. GOD:

God reveals himself in the scriptures as the living and true God, creator of all things. Perfect in love and righteous in all his ways. This one God exists eternally as a Trinity of persons: The Father, the Son (Jesus Christ), and the Holy Spirit.

Genesis 1:1
John 10
John 4:24

2. SCRIPTURE:

The Scripture of both the Old and New Testaments being given by divine inspiration, are the Word of God, the final and supreme authority in all matters of faith and conduct.

2 Timothy 3: 17
2 Peter 1:19-21

3. JESUS CHRIST:

The only mediator between God and man is Jesus Christ our lord, the second person of the Trinity, God's eternal Son, conceived through the Virgin Mary, who, as man, fully shared and fulfilled our humanity in a life of perfect obedience. By his death on the cross, in our place, Jesus revealed divine love and upheld divine justice, removing our guilt and reconciling us to God. Having risen bodily from the dead and ascended into heaven, he rules as lord over all and intercedes for us as our great High Priest until he returns to fulfill His Kingdom.

1 Timothy 2:5
1 Corinthians 15:42-57
Revelations 21:1-8

4. HOLY SPIRIT:

The Holy Spirit, the third person of the Trinity, through the proclamation of the Gospel persuades us to repent of our sins and confess Jesus as Lord, and renews our hearts.

The promised Holy Spirit is given to believers as a deposit, guaranteeing our inheritance. His Spirit, the Counselor abides in us.

Life in the Spirit is what God intends for Christians. We are to walk by the Spirit, we are to exhibit fruit of the Spirit.

We believe the Spirit gives, as He chooses, Spiritual Gifts to seeking believers today. The gifts are given for the edification of His body and the local church.

The purpose of the gifts is to edify the body and bring glory to the Father.

Gifts of the Spirit are manifested in an orderly way.

As Soul Edge, we seek to be led by His Spirit, His Word and God given wisdom. These three will be in agreement.

Come Holy Spirit!

Eph 1:14

John 14

Gal 5:25

Heb. 2:4

Heb 13:8

1 Cor 12-14 esp 12:1 & 14:3-4, 26, 33

5. Human Anthropology

God made humankind in His image that we might have fellowship with Him. Being estranged from God, we are incapable of a right relationship with God and full human flourishing apart from divine grace.

Romans 3:9-23

Ephesians 2:1-3

6. CHURCH:

We are called into relationship with Jesus, and active fellowship within His body, the church.

The church is a joining of individuals under the headship of Christ, who are called to encourage and care for one another, to be light, to share the Gospel, and to serve as Jesus served.

Titus 3:5

1 Corinthians 15:20-23

1 Corinthians 12:12

Hebrews 10:25

1 Peter 4:10

We adhere to the Evangelical Alliance as does Soul Survivor. See the link below to read through the summary of doctrinal beliefs.

<https://www.eauk.org/about-us/basis-of-faith>

Alongside our statement of faith we also teach and affirm the Apostles Creed:

THE APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the Holy Spirit
And born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
And is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
The Holy Catholic Church,
The Communion of Saints,
The Forgiveness of sins,
The resurrection of the body,
And the life everlasting. Amen.

SOUL EDGE VALUES:

Every Church and ministry has a culture and this culture is shaped by their values. Here is a brief summary of our values.

1. The Centrality of the Gospel:

We believe that the gospel is rich and powerful and is the truth that speaks vitally to every area of our lives. The gospel message is what underpins unity.

2. Culture of Honour:

All of our leaders demonstrate a culture of honour through how they love and affirm the team. We value honesty, integrity and a culture where young people can flourish in a safe and encouraging environment.

3. Challenge and Growth:

One of the ways in which we grow in our faith, character and skill is through challenge. We have designed a program that values growth over comfort; we look to serve our students by

challenging them to grow in becoming mature Christ-followers. Adventure is also an important aspect of challenging the students through new experiences, supporting others and engaging in leadership skills.

4. Jesus model of Discipleship:

We believe that one-to-one mentoring is vital for healthy, supported growth. Our leaders prioritize this and meet with their assigned students fortnightly. Along with daily encouragement, the students are served in their journey as their mentor guides them along the way.

5. Spiritual Disciplines:

We value corporate and individual prayer, worship and study. Our culture is to create space and time for students to know how to actively engage in the spiritual disciplines.

(For context and reference, see Richard Foster, **Celebration of Discipline: The Path to Spiritual Growth**)