

# Statement of Faith

This statement of faith shall be the basis of our faith, of the like minded churches that are either affiliated, adopted or incorporated as partners of the vision ministries Kenya. This statement of faith will provide the foundation for our teaching, learning and preaching as set forth in the scriptures as follows:

- i. **GOD:** There is only one true; eternal, existing in three persons as the father, the son, and the Holy Spirit (Luke 3:22), Matthew 28:19, 2 Cor: 13:14).
- ii. **JESUS CHRIST:** The Lord Jesus Christ is fully God, born of virgin (incarnation) John 1:14) Matthew 1:18 - 23 and sinlessly perfect (Heb 4:15; that he died for our sins, was buried (2Cor.5:21), and he resurrected from the dead) bodily resurrection Luke 24:36 - 43 and ascended into heaven to his father's right hand where he now minister as the believers great high priest (Heb.4:14- 16) and he will come again to take his church (Acts 51:11).
- iii. **THE BIBLE:** The Bible is inspired word of God, inerrant in the original documents of the sixty - six books of the Old Testament and New Testament, verbally inspired in all parts and therefore wholly without error as originally given of God (2 Tim 3:16, 2Peter 1:21) as the final authority in all matters of faith and practice.
- iv. **HOLY SPIRIT:** The Holy spirit is person (John 16:7-15) in the trinity and works in each believer by baptism and indwelling, at that moment infuses new life in the believing repentant heart (I Cor 12:13, Rom: 8:9 and filling (Eph.5:18) to empower, direct and give gifts to Christians believers for service (Eph 3:16, Acts 1:18 Gal 5:22- 23) and is the seal of redemption.
- v. **SALVATION:** Salvation is by the grace alone through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ as the gift of God for every believer to possess eternal life through justification, sanctification and indwelling of the Holy Spirit who empowered the believers to live a Godly life through his finished work (Eph 2:8- 9, Titus 3:5 -7, I Peter 1-18 -19).

- vi. **THE CHURCH:** There is one true church, the body and the bride of Christ, (Eph. 5:25 - 32) and the local church is composed of all believers in a locality who gather in Christ's name for worship, prayers, edification, service, witness and for worldwide gospel witness, each local church is autonomous in fellowship and work (Eph 4:11 - 16) church government and discipline are divinely outlined in the epistles as being the responsibility of a local church.
- vii. **CHRISTIAN LIFE:** A Christian life is life of righteousness, good works and separation unto God from the evil ways of the world (Rom 12 :1 -2), manifested by speaking the truth (James 5:12) Maintaining sanctity of the home (Eph.5:22 -6:4), settling differences between Christians in accordance with the word of God (I Cor 6:1 - 8), not engaging in carnal strife but showing a Christ like attitude towards all men (Romans 12:17 - 21) exhibiting the fruit of the spirit (Gal 5:22 - 23), and maintaining life of prayers (Eph. 6:18, Phil 4:6), including the privilege when sick, or calling the elders of the church to pray.
- viii. **ORDINANCES:** The Christians should observe the ordinances of our Lord Jesus Christ which are Baptism by immersion in water (Mat. 28:19) and the Lords supper (I Cor 11:23 - 26) Baptism signifies that the believers, having died with Christ, is buried with him and is also risen with Christ to walk in newness of life. The Lords supper was instituted by the Lord himself in the observance of this supper, believers retell the message of the Lords death until he comes.
- ix. **RETURN OF CHRIST:** The personal, visible and imminent return of Jesus Christ could occur at any moment to remove his church from the earth (rapture Thess 4:16- 17) before the tribulation (I Thes 1:10, Rev. 3:10) judgment of the living and the dead, restoration of Israel to him as the Messiah, and eternal state of blessedness for the redeemed. This truth is an ongoing incentive to holy living and faithful service for every believer.
- x. **SATAN:** His existence and personality as the great adversary of God and his people (Rev. 12:1-10) and that he will be judged and doomed (John 12:31; Rev. 20:10).

- xi. **MAN** : Man is created in the image of God (Gen. 1:26 - 28). Man subsequently fell in sin resulting into spiritual death (Gen 3;1- 24 Roman 5:12) and the necessity of new birth for his salvation John 3:3-5).