

# **CHRISTIAN COMPASSION MINISTRIES NEW ZEALAND**

## ***STATEMENT OF FAITH***

1. The Holy Scriptures of the Old and the New Testaments as originally given are the inspired and infallible and inerrant Word of God, and are the sole, supreme, and all-sufficient authority in every matter of Christian faith and practice.
2. One living and true God, Sovereign in creation, providence and redemption, subsisting in three persons - the Father, the Son, the Holy Spirit - the same in substance, and equal in power and glory.
3. The eternal Sonship and essential, absolute, and eternal Deity, and true and sinless humanity of the Lord Jesus Christ; His virgin birth, death, and burial; His physical resurrection and ascension into Heaven; His present intercession for His people, and His coming again in power and glory.
4. The personality and Deity of the Holy Spirit, through Whom the sinner is born again to saving repentance, and faith, and by Whom the regenerated are sanctified through the truth.
5. The fall of mankind in Adam, by which they have totally lost their original righteousness and holiness, and have come under the righteous condemnation of God.
6. The personal and unconditional election in Christ of a multitude which no man can number unto everlasting salvation, out of God's pure grace and love, without any foresight of faith or good works in them.
7. The personal and eternal redemption from all sin and the penal consequence thereof, of all God's elect, by the substitutionary sacrifice of the Lord Jesus Christ.
8. The effectual calling of all the elect by the irresistible grace of God.

9. The justification of sinners by faith alone, through the atoning death and resurrection and imputed righteousness of Christ.

10. The Lord Jesus Christ is the Head of the Church which is composed of God's elect in every age. According to His commandment, Christians are to gather in local churches. To each of these churches He has given authority for administering order, discipline, and worship. The officers of the churches are elders and deacons.

11. The Lord Jesus Christ has instituted these symbolic ordinances to be observed by His church; that of baptism and the Lord's Supper.

12. The final perseverance in the state of grace of all those who have been elected by the Father, redeemed by the Son, and regenerated by the Holy Spirit, so that they shall never perish, but have eternal life.

13. The resurrection of the body; the judgment of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ, with the eternal blessedness of the righteous and the eternal punishment of the wicked.

