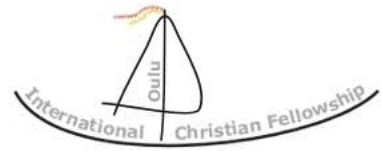


# International Christian Fellowship of Oulu



**Statement of Faith** (Confirmed version, 15.5.2008)

## Introduction

Although we come from different familial, ethnic, cultural, national, and for some, denominational backgrounds, we are all united in the family of God and fully agree to the following:

## The Apostle's Creed

We believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
the Creator of Heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord:  
who was conceived of the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into Heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty,  
from where He shall come to judge the living and the dead.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy apostolic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.  
Amen.

## Final Authority - God's Word

God has revealed himself in the Bible, which consists of the Old and New Testaments alone. Every word was inspired by God through human authors, so that the Bible as originally given is in its entirety the Word of God, without error (inerrant and infallible) and fully reliable in fact and doctrine. The Bible alone speaks with final and supreme authority and is always sufficient for all matters of belief and behaviour, doctrine and practice. In its interpretation we submit ourselves to the indwelling Holy Spirit who gives a true understanding of the Scriptures.

## Communion

The Lord's Supper is a commemoration of Christ's sacrifice offered once for all. It is reserved for God's sons and daughters who have accepted Jesus as Saviour. "For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes. Therefore, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks the cup." (1 Corinthians 11:26-28)

## Mission

The chief end of man is to glorify, worship, and enjoy God forever. In this light our mission is to share the good news of Christ's saving sacrifice, going to all nations, tribes and people, starting here in Oulu. "Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation." (Mark 16:15)

## Salvation

We believe salvation is by faith alone, through grace alone, in Christ alone. God, in His great love for mankind, sent His Son Jesus Christ that whoever believes in Him will be saved. "For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith – and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God – not by works, so that no-one can boast." (Ephesians 2:8+9)