

# Kineo Statement of Belief

**The Triune God:** We believe in the Godhead, one God, who exist eternally (no beginning and no end) in three distinct persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. They are co-eternal in being, nature and co-equal in power and glory, having the same attributes and perfections (Deuteronomy 6:4; John 10:30; Matthew 28:19; 2 Corinthians 13:14; Galatians 4:6).

**The Scriptures:** We believe that God Himself breathed out all Scriptures in the Old and New Testament and they are a record and a means of His plan of salvation. These Scriptures alone are the Word of God, penned my man, without error in the original writings and serve as the final authority for faith and life (2 Timothy 3:16-17; 2 Peter 1:20-21; John 16:12-13).

**The Creation of Mankind:** We believe that God created mankind, male and female, in His own image and according to His likeness and are equal in nature, yet with different roles. God then let man and woman have dominion over all the earth to cultivate it and told them to be fruitful and multiply. God perfectly created them and placed them in the Garden of Eden where everything that was necessary for life was given to them; but told them not to eat of one tree, the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. In marriage, man and woman were created to complement one another and become one flesh; this relationship serves as the only normative pattern of sexual relations that God established (Genesis 1:26-28; Galatians 3:28; Ephesians 5:23; Genesis 2:18-25).

**The Fall:** As stated above, we believe that man and woman were created in the image and likeness of God, but Adam, being tempted by Satan in the garden, sinned by wanting to become like God and questioning His word to him. Thus, Adam and Eve inherited a sinful nature, and became alienated from God; all mankind participated in Adam's sin and as a result we are totally depraved in nature, and on our own, we are utterly unable to cure our lost condition (Genesis 3; Romans 3:22-23; 5:12, 19; Ephesians 2:1-3, 12).

**The Person and Work of Jesus Christ:** We believe that Jesus is the Son of God. We believe that He was moved by love and obedience to His Father and became a man without ceasing to be God. We believe that Jesus is the promised Messiah of Israel, the exact imprint of God. We believe Jesus was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, lived a sinless life, was crucified, died, buried, and on the third day He arose again from the dead in bodily form so that He might reveal God and redeem sinful man. After appearing to many witnesses, He ascended into heaven, and now sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, and He shall come to judge the living and the dead. Because of all this, Jesus is our High Priest and righteous Advocate so that we may be in a right standing with God (John 1:1-2, 14, 41; Daniel 9:25-26; Hebrews 1:3-5; Luke 1:35; 1 Corinthians 15:3-6; Hebrews 3:1).

**The Person and Work of the Holy Spirit:** We believe that this salvation, confirmed in all Scripture and secured by Jesus Christ, is applied to His people by the baptism of the Holy Spirit and seals them until the day of redemption. Sent by the Father and the Son, the Holy Spirit glorifies the Lord Jesus Christ. He convicts the world of sin, righteousness, and judgment, and by His powerful and mysterious work, He regenerates spiritually dead sinners, awakening them to repentance and faith, baptizing them into union with the Lord Jesus, empowering them to be His witnesses in all the earth, and preserving them until the resurrection of the living and the dead (John 14:16-31; 16:8-11; Acts 1:4, 8; Romans 8:7-11; 1 Corinthians 12:12-14; Ephesians 5:18; 2 Peter 1:21).

**Salvation:** We believe salvation belongs to the Lord and that we are saved by God's grace, through faith in Jesus, not of our own doing so that no one may boast. Thus, salvation is a free gift from God, and through it, sinners are justified. On the cross, Jesus cancelled sin by bearing the full penalty of our sins, God's wrath, and reconciled to God all those who believe in Jesus. His bodily resurrection broke the power of death and defeated Satan, and brought everlasting life to all His people. Through His ascension, He is forever exalted as Lord, He has gone to prepare a place for us to be with Him forever, and has sent us His Holy Spirit to remain with us until He returns in the same way He ascended (Psalm 3:8; Acts 4:2; Isaiah 53; Acts 1:9-11; Ephesians 2:4-9; Colossians 1:20-22; 12:2; Romans 8:30).

**Eternal Security and Assurance of Believers:** We believe that all the redeemed, once saved, are kept by God's power and are thus secured in Christ forever. We believe that it is the privilege of believers to rejoice in the assurance of their salvation through the testimony of God's Word, which clearly forbids the use of Christian liberty as a free pass to gratify the flesh (John 6:37-40; 10:27-30; Romans 8:1, 38-39; 1 Corinthians 1:4-8; 1 Peter 1:5; Romans 13:13-14; Galatians 5:13; Titus 2:11-15).

**The Ministry and Spiritual Gifts:** We believe that God is sovereign in the bestowing of spiritual gifts. However, it is the believer's responsibility to attempt to develop their sovereignly given spiritual gifts. We believe that the baptism of the Holy Spirit (accompanied by the filling of the Spirit throughout a believer's lifetime) occurs at conversion and is the placing of the believer into the Body of Christ. We also believe that particular spiritual gifts are neither essential, nor prove the presence of the Holy Spirit, nor are an indication of deep spiritual experience. We believe that God does hear and answer the prayer of faith, in accordance with His own will, for the sick and afflicted. Therefore, we believe that it is the privilege and responsibility of every believer to minister according to the gifts and grace of God that is given to him (1 Corinthians 12:7, 11, 13; Acts 4:8; 13:52; Ephesians 4:7-8; John 15:7; 1 John 5:14-15; Romans 12:1-8; 1 Corinthians 13:1-14; 1 Peter 4:10-11).

**The Church:** We believe that Jesus Christ is the head of the church and His chosen people are called the church and make up the metaphorical picture of being His body and His bride. We believe that the establishment of the local church was clearly taught

in Scriptures and empowered by the Holy Spirit to glorify God by making Him known among the nations. We believe that the church's chief end is to know and glorify God by loving Him, loving people and making disciples of all nations (Ephesians 1:22-23; 5:25-27; 1 Corinthians 5:4-7; 12:12-14; 2 Corinthians 11:2; Revelation 21:9; Matthew 22:37-40; 28:18-20; John 15:8; Acts 1:8; 14:27; 18:22; 20:17; 1 Timothy 3:1-3; Titus 1:5-11).

**The Lord's Supper and Baptism:** We believe that the Lord's Supper and baptism are ordained by the Lord Jesus Himself. The Lord's Supper is connected with the ongoing covenant renewal, while baptism is connected with our entrance into the new covenant community. They are mutually God's pledge to us as His children, a divinely ordained means of grace, and our public vows of submission to our Lord Jesus Christ (Matthew 28:19-20; Romans 6:3-4; Mark 14:22-24; 1 Corinthians 11:17-34).

**The Restoration of All Things:** We believe in the personal, glorious, and bodily return of our Lord Jesus Christ with His holy angels, when He will exercise his role as the final Judge, and His kingdom will be complete. On that day the church will be presented faultless before God by the righteousness of Jesus Christ, and all sin will be removed and its wicked effects will be forever banished. . We believe in the bodily resurrection of both the just and the unjust—the unjust to judgment and eternal conscious punishment in hell, as our Lord Himself taught, and the just to eternal blessedness in the presence of Him who sits on the throne and of the Lamb. God will be all in all and his people will be captivated by His indescribable holiness, and everything will be to the praise of His glorious grace (Daniel 7:13-14; Mark 13:24-27; Matthew 22:23-28; 1 Corinthians 15:12-49; Hebrews 6:2; Revelation 20-22).