

# Statement of Faith

Free Pentecostal Church of Tanzania (FPCT)

These articles summarize our essential, historic, Pentecostal convictions.

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**Note:** Scripture references are indicative, not exhaustive.

## 1) The Holy Scriptures

2 Tim 3:15–17 • 2 Pet 1:20–21

We believe the Old and New Testaments are the inspired, infallible Word of God and the final authority for faith and life. The Scriptures are sufficient, true in all they affirm, and the trustworthy rule for doctrine, character, and conduct.

## 2) One God in Three Persons

Deut 6:4 • Matt 28:19 • 2 Cor 13:14

There is one eternal God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—co-equal in glory and majesty, distinct in person, one in essence and purpose.

## 3) God the Father

Ps 103:13 • Eph 1:3–6

The Father is creator, sustainer, and sovereign Lord who lovingly purposes redemption and adoption for His people to the praise of His glory.

## 4) The Lord Jesus Christ

John 1:1–14 • 1 Cor 15:3–4

Jesus Christ is fully God and fully man, conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, sinless in life, crucified for our sins, risen bodily, ascended, and now our exalted Lord and High Priest.

## 5) The Holy Spirit

John 14:16–17 • Acts 1:8

The Spirit glorifies Christ, convicts the world, regenerates and indwells believers, distributes gifts for ministry, and empowers the Church for witness and holy living.

## 6) Humanity & the Fall

Gen 1:26–27 • Rom 3:23

Created in God's image, humanity fell through sin and is subject to judgment and death. Our deepest need is reconciliation with God through Christ.

## **7) Salvation by Grace Through Faith**

Eph 2:8–9 • Rom 10:9–10

We are saved by God's grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone. Justified, adopted, and made new, believers are called to a life of repentance and obedience.

## **8) Baptism in the Holy Spirit & Gifts**

Acts 2:4 • 1 Cor 12–14

We affirm the Pentecostal experience of Spirit baptism, empowering believers for witness and service. Spiritual gifts operate today for the edification of the Church in Christlike love and order.

## **9) Sanctification & Holy Living**

1 Thes 4:3 • Gal 5:16–25

Sanctification is both decisive and progressive—rooted in union with Christ and worked by the Spirit—as believers grow in holiness, love, and mission.

## **10) Divine Healing**

Isa 53:4–5 • James 5:14–16

We believe in God's power to heal in answer to prayer. Healing is a sign of the kingdom and anticipates the resurrection, according to the will and wisdom of God.

## **11) The Church**

Matt 16:18 • Eph 4:11–13

The universal Church is the Body of Christ, expressed in local congregations committed to worship, discipleship, fellowship, service, and mission.

## **12) Ordinances: Water Baptism & the Lord's Supper**

Matt 28:19 • 1 Cor 11:23–26

We practice believer's baptism by immersion and the Lord's Supper as commanded by Christ—signs of grace that proclaim the gospel and strengthen faith.

## **13) Marriage & Family**

Gen 2:24 • Eph 5:22–33

Marriage is a sacred covenant between one man and one woman, reflecting Christ and the Church. Families are called to love, nurture, and disciple.

## **14) The Return of Christ & Final Judgment**

Acts 1:11 • Rev 22:12

Jesus will return bodily to judge the living and the dead, raise the righteous and the unrighteous, renew all things, and dwell forever with His redeemed.

## **15) Mission, Justice & Compassion**

Matt 28:18–20 • Mic 6:8

We are sent to proclaim the gospel, make disciples of all nations, seek the welfare of our communities, and embody the compassion and righteousness of Christ.

## **16) Final Authority for Life & Doctrine**

Acts 17:11 • Jude 3

In all matters of faith and practice, we submit to the authority of Scripture as understood within the historic, global Church and our confession.