

## 3. DOCTRINAL STATEMENT

### 3.1 The Doctrines of the Church shall be:

3.1.1 The Divine Inspiration and Supreme Authority of the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments.

3.1.2 The existence of One God in three Persons – the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

3.1.3 The Deity and Incarnation of the Lord Jesus Christ, who is the Son of God, the Second Person in the Holy Trinity.

3.1.4 The fallen, sinful and lost estate of all mankind.

3.1.5 The salvation of people from the consequences and the power of sin through the perfect obedience of the Lord Jesus Christ, His atoning death, His resurrection from the dead, His ascension to the right hand of the Father and His unchanging Priesthood.

3.1.6 The immediate work of the Holy Spirit in the regeneration of people, in their sanctification and in their preservation to the heavenly kingdom of the Lord Jesus Christ.

3.1.7 The necessity, in order to obtain salvation, of repentance towards God, and of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

#### **3.1.8 The resurrection of the dead, and the final judgement of all people by the Lord Jesus Christ.**

3.1.9 The two ordinances of the Lord Jesus Christ, namely Baptism and the Lord's Supper; Baptism being the immersion of believers upon profession of their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and a symbol of the fellowship of the regenerate in His death, burial and resurrection; the Lord's Supper being a memorial, until He comes, of the sacrifice of the body and blood of the Lord Jesus Christ.



# RESURRECTION & JUDGEMENT

1 Thessalonians 4:13 – 5:11

*Eternity*

Arthur Stace (1885 – 1967)



# Preliminaries

- ❑ Two things to consider – what happens when we die (4:3-18) & will/how will the world end (5:1-11)?
- ❑ We know some things; many things we don't
- ❑ There are different views on some matters
- ❑ Be informed (1 Thess 4:13)
- ❑ Be encouraged (1 Thess 4:18; 5:11)

# What we know

- ❖ Over 300 references that Jesus is coming again! (John 14:3; Matthew 24:29-30)
- ❖ Our future is mapped out “And just as it is appointed for people to die once—and after this, judgment—” (Hebrews 9:27)
- ❖ This life is not the end - there is an after-life
- ❖ Heaven & hell are realities (Jesus spoke more about hell than heaven, and more than all the other NT writers combined)

# Four Realities

1. Resurrection – (40+ refs in NT) (1 Cor 15)
2. Judgement – Jesus as Judge (Acts 17:31; Matthew 24&25)
3. Heaven – destiny of God's people
4. Hell – destiny of those who have not given their lives to God

# Talking to Christians (1 Thess 4:1)

1. Jesus gone to heaven to prepare eternity for us (John 14:1-3)
2. When we die, we immediately go to be with Jesus (2 Cor 5:6-10)
3. One day Jesus will return bringing with Him those who, to that point, have died (1 Thess 4:14)
4. Christians who are still alive at that time will be taken up with Jesus *[rapture]* (1 Thess 4:17)
5. We have no idea when Jesus will return – be prepared NOW! (1 Thess 5)



**We believe in  
eternity and the  
need to be  
prepared for it!**

*How we treat Jesus now is how  
He will treat us then. If we accept  
Him now, He will accept us then.  
If we reject Him now, He will reject  
us then.*