KINGDOM MINISTRIES

Kingdom Ministries is an organization, with a special heart for Italy and its people. We believe that God loves the people in this country where so much of the historical impact of the life of Jesus and His disciples was felt in the years following the beginning of the church at Pentecost (Acts 1-2). This connection with Christ and His Kingdom related to Italy moves KM to reflect on the core beliefs that drive us.

We express our core belief statements...

We believe that God is revealed in creation, in the Scripture, and in Jesus Christ. The Scriptures are divinely authoritative in all they affirm. We believe the Scripture is Godbreathed, communicated through human authors expressing the very thoughts of God accurately in the wording of the original manuscripts. The Scripture is trustworthy and true, being understood in its context for the author's meaning. Our present Bible continues to bear the final authoritative instruction of God for the church and the world. (Ps. 19:1-6; Heb. 1:12; 2 Tim. 3:16-17; 2 Pet. 1:20-21; John 10:35b; Ps. 19:1; Matt. 5:17-18).

<u>We believe</u> in God, the one triune, infinite, eternal, personal spirit who created and governs all things and who is the sole object of our worship. This one God has always existed as three persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

- Father is the holy and loving Creator of all things. Although distinct from His creation, He is immanently at work in it.
- Son is the eternal Son of God, becoming Jesus Christ, without ceasing to be God, and was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary in order to redeem sinful humanity. He assured our redemption by His resurrection from the dead in the same, though glorified, body in which He was crucified. He ascended to heaven and is exalted at the right hand of the Father.
- Holy Spirit is the eternal spirit who effectively imparts Christ's new life to all who believe in Jesus. He baptizes them into the body of Christ, dwells within all believers, seals them for the day of redemption, and empowers them in holiness and love to serve God and His church. (Deut. 6:4; Matt. 28:19; John 4:24; Ps. 139:1-16; John 5:17; John 1:1-2; Luke 1:35; 1Pet. 1:3-5; Rom. 8:9; Eph. 1:13-14; Gal. 5:22-25; Heb. 9:24, 7:25).

We believe that all human beings are created in the image of God. Through Adam's disobedience, we by nature became alienated from God, and came under the sentence of death. In this sinful condition, all humanity is offered the gift of salvation, by grace and received through personal faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. (Gen. 1:25-27; Rom. 3:22-23; 5:12-21; Eph. 2:1-3, 12; Tit. 11-14; Eph. 2:8-10).

We believe the Church is the body of Christ and the temple of the Holy Spirit, a spiritual community of all believers. (Eph. 1:22-23, 5:25-27; 1 Cor. 12:12-14).

We believe in the physical resurrection of the righteous and the unrighteous: the righteous to eternal fellowship with God, the unrighteous to eternal punishment and conscious separation from God. (Mark 9:43-48; Rev. 20:15, 22:3-5, 11).

People of Italy, God loves you.