

STATEMENT OF FAITH

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I believe the Bible to be the inspired Word of God, without error, the revelation of His will for the salvation of men, and the divine and final authority for all Christian faith and life.

I believe in one God existing in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. God has always been and will always be the only God forever.

I believe the Father created all things in heaven and on earth. He created human beings out of a love for us and desires a personal relationship with each of us. I believe that Jesus Christ is true God and true man, having been conceived of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He lived a sinless life and died on the cross as the sacrifice for our sins according to the Scriptures. His body rose from the dead and ascended into heaven.

I believe the ministry of the Holy Spirit is to convict men, making them aware of their sin and the salvation available through Jesus. He guides, instructs, and empowers the believer for godly living and service.

I believe that man is created in the image of God and created to live in harmony. Adam and Eve succumbed to temptation and initiated sin into the world. We are separated from God because of sin. The Bible says that each person has sinned and falls short of the glory of God. There is nothing man can do to save himself from this judgment. Jesus died on the cross as a blood sacrifice for all man's sins. Only by believing in Jesus as Lord and Savior can God see us as clean and pure as Jesus. Only through belief in Jesus can we have eternity with God.