



## Statement of Faith

### The Bible

The Holy Bible is God's revelation of Himself to man. It is divinely inspired, completely trustworthy, and to be accepted in its entirety. All Scripture is a testimony to Jesus Christ and therefore forms the basis for the Christian faith. Exodus 24:4; Deuteronomy 4:1-2; Psalm 19:7-10; 119:89, 105, 140; Isaiah 34:16; 40:8; Matthew 5:17-18; Luke 21:33; Acts 17:11; Romans 15:4; 2 Timothy 3:15-17; Hebrews 4:12; 2 Peter 1:19-21.

### God

There is only one true God. He is Creator and Ruler of all, He is eternal and all-powerful, He is all-knowing and ever-present, and He is merciful, loving, and personal. The God of the Holy Bible is Triune, revealing Himself as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, each distinct but without division of nature, character, or being.

### God the Father

God the Father is the Almighty maker of heaven and earth. He rules His creation with love and grace. His essence is that of infinite holiness; just and uncompromised. He is truth to all that believe in His risen Son Jesus Christ. Genesis 1:1; 2:7; Exodus 6:2-3; Deuteronomy 6:4-5; Psalm 19:1-2; Jeremiah 10:10; Mark 1:9-11; John 4:24; 5:26; 14:6-13; 17:1-8; Acts 1:7-8; Romans 8:14-16; 1 Timothy 1:17; 1 John 5:7-12.

### God the Son

Jesus Christ is the only begotten Son of God the Father. In His incarnation, He was conceived of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. Though He lived in this world in the form of a man, He was without sin. He bore the sins of all mankind through His substitutionary death on a cross. He was buried and bodily rose from the grave on the third day, thus establishing redemption for all who believe in Him as Savior. He ascended into heaven and is now exalted at the right hand of God the Father where He is Mediator: fully God and fully Man, reconciling a fallen world with a Holy God. Psalm 2:7; Isaiah 7:14; 53:2-12; Matthew 1:18-23, Mark 3:11; Luke 1:34-35; John 1:1-18; 12:44-50; Acts 9:4-5; Romans 3:23-26; 2 Corinthians 5:17-21; Philippians 2:5-11; Revelation 5:9-14.

### God the Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit is the fully divine Spirit of God. The Holy Spirit inspired men to pen the words in the Holy Bible. The Holy Spirit indwells all believers of Jesus Christ, cultivating godly character within them through conviction, comfort, empowerment, peace, and direction. The Holy Spirit bestows spiritual gifts upon believers through which they are to honor God through worship, evangelism, and service. Genesis 1:2; Judges 14:6; Psalm 51:10-12; Isaiah 61:1-3; Joel 2:28; Matthew 1:18; 28:18-19; Mark 1:10-12; Luke 24:49; John 14:16-17; 26; Galatians 4:6; 2 Timothy 1:14; Revelation 22:17.

### Man

Man is special among God's creation; separate and made in His own image. God created man both male and female. Created in innocence, man was endowed by God with freedom of choice, and by his choice man disobeyed God and brought sin into the world. Since this original sin, all men have been born into this sinful nature. God's grace alone enables man to come into fellowship with Him. It is only through faith in Jesus Christ, the resurrected Son of God, that God showers grace upon man and saves him, granting him eternal life. Jesus Christ died for the sins of all mankind, and although not all persons will choose to receive this salvation through faith, all are worthy of respect and Christian love. Genesis 1:26-31; 2:18-23; Psalm 1:1-6; 8:3-9; Isaiah 6:5; Matthew 17:26-27; Acts 17:26-31; Acts 17: 29-31; Romans 5:19; 6:6; 1 Corinthians 15:20-22; Ephesians 2:1-22; Colossians 1:21-22.

### Salvation

Salvation is a work of grace, received when the unbeliever repents of his sins, believes in the Lord Jesus Christ, and accepts Him as his personal Savior and Lord. Exodus 3:14-17; Matthew 1:21; 16:21-27; Luke 1:68-69; 2:28-32; John 1:11-14; 3:16-18, 17:17-19; Acts 4:8-12; 16:30-31; Romans 5:8-11; 10:9-13; 1 Corinthians 12:3; Colossians 1:9-20; Hebrews 5:8-9; 9:24-28.