

# Statement of Faith

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## What I Believe...

### About the Bible

I believe the Bible is the authoritative Word of God. Every word of scripture was divinely ordained and inspired by God. God's Word is truth. It is without error. And it is, "profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work" (2 Timothy 3:16-17).

### About God

I believe there is one true God who exists in three persons—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. God is the creator of all things in heaven and on earth. He is holy, just, good, faithful, loving, gracious, merciful, and kind.

### About Jesus Christ

I believe Jesus Christ, who is both fully God and fully man, is the Messiah who was born of the virgin Mary, lived a sinless life, died to take the penalty of our sins upon Himself, rose again, and ascended to heaven that all who trust in Him can be saved and be in right relationship with God.

### About the Holy Spirit

I believe the Holy Spirit indwells those who submit to and trust Jesus. The Holy Spirit is our Helper, Intercessor, and Comforter who guides, empowers, regenerates, and sanctifies us while pointing us to Jesus.

### About Salvation

I believe in the fall of man and that, apart from God, we are utterly lost in sin, incapable of saving ourselves. I believe that by God's grace, Jesus relentlessly pursues us and died in our place. And that anyone who trusts in His saving work will be reborn, redeemed, forgiven, justified, and made holy. Salvation is by grace through faith in Jesus alone. It is not based on works and cannot be earned.

### About the Church

I believe the biblical church is the Body of Christ—God's people sent to preach the Gospel to a lost and dying world. The purpose of the church is to turn the hearts of people to God to make, build-up, and disciple Jesus' disciples. Each member of Christ's church has been given spiritual gifts to be used to further the kingdom of God.

*\* This statement of faith is far from exhaustive.*