Statement of Faith

**The Bible**

The Bible is the perfect Word of God, inspired by the Holy Spirit and penned by human authors. Scripture is inerrant, infallible, and relevant for all of history. It exists to teach us about God’s character and to display His plan of redemption for all mankind, telling the story of man’s sinfulness and need for a Savior. All of Scripture points to Jesus and His redemptive work for mankind.

*Deuteronomy 4:1-2; Psalm 119:11, 89, 105; Isaiah 40:8; John 5:39; 17:17; Romans 15:4; 2 Timothy 3:15-17; Hebrews 1:1-2; 4:12*

**God**

God is eternal, having no beginning and no end. He is the Creator of all things but was not Himself created. God exists in the Trinity as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Each member of the Trinity is holy, divine, and eternal. The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit participated in the creation of the world and have unique roles in the lives of believers today and throughout history.

*Genesis 1:26; Deuteronomy 6:4; Matthew 28:19; Mark 1:9-11; John 5:21-23; 14:10, 16; 1 Corinthians 8:6; Hebrews 1:8-10*

**Jesus**

Jesus is the Son of God, fully divine and fully human at the same time. He was physically born of a virgin, fulfilling Old Testament prophecies and bringing salvation to the world. He lived on earth as a man for about 33 years and was killed on a cross to atone for the sins of all the world. His physical body died but three days later, He rose to life again, proving that He holds the keys to death and Hades. Jesus was equal in every way to God the Father but laid that privilege down to provide redemption from sins for all mankind. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father, and one day every knee will bow in worship to Him and every tongue will confess that He is Lord, bringing the glory and honor that are due to His Name.

*Isaiah 7:14; Matthew 1:18-23; 3:17; 14:33; 16:16; 28:5-6; John 1: 1, 14;* [*Acts 1:9*](http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Acts+1%3A9)*; 2:22-24; 7:55-56;*[*Romans 1:3-4*](http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Romans+1%3A3-4)*; 3:23-26; 8:1-3; 10:4;*[*1 Corinthians 8:6*](http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1+Corinthians+8%3A6)*;*[*2 Corinthians 5:19-21*](http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=2+Corinthians+5%3A19-21)*;*[*Galatians 4:4-5*](http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Gal+4%3A4-5)*;*[*Philippians 2:5-11*](http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Philippians+2%3A5-11)*;*[*Colossians 1:15*](http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Colossians+1%3A15)*; 2:9;*[*1 Timothy 2:5-6*](http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1+Timothy+2%3A5-6)*; 3:16*

**Holy Spirit**

The Holy Spirit is eternally existent. After Jesus ascended to Heaven, God sent the Sprit to physically indwell believers, acting as Counselor, Comforter, and One who of convicts of sin. Jesus as a man could only physically be in one place at a time, so He promised to send One better than Himself, since the Holy Spirit is in every believer at all times.

[*Genesis 1:2*](http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Genesis+1%3A2)*;*[*Psalm 51:11*](http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalms+51%3A11)*; 139:7-12;*[*Isaiah 61:1-3*](http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Isaiah+61%3A1-3)*;*[*Joel 2:28-32*](http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Joel+2%3A28-32)*;*[*Mark 1:10*](http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Mark+1%3A10)*;*[*Luke 1:35*](http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Lk+1%3A35)*; 4:1; 11:13; 12:12;*[*John 15:26*](http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=John+15%3A26)*; 16:7-14;*[*Acts 1:8*](http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Acts+1%3A8)*; 2:1-4; 13:2;*[*Romans 8:9-11, 14-16, 26-27*](http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Romans+8%3A9-11%2C+14-16%2C+26-27)*;*[*1 Corinthians 3:16*](http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1+Corinthians+3%3A16)*;*[*Ephesians 1:13-14*](http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Ephesians+1%3A13-14)*;*[*2 Peter 1:21*](http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=2+Peter+1%3A21)*;*[*Revelation 22:17*](http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Revelation+22%3A17)

**Man**

Humans (men and women) were created in the image of God, as the crowning achievement of creation, and began in a perfect relationship with Him. However, after being tempted by Satan, they sinned by elevating their own desires over the will of God. The very nature of man was changed as a result of the Fall and every person since Adam has sinned. Every person is born with a sin nature, but also with dignity and a unique personality, as we are all image bearers of God. Jesus commands His followers to show His love to everyone He has created, regardless of their relationship with Him.

[*Genesis 1:26-30*](http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Genesis+1%3A26-30)*; 2:7, 18-22; 3;*[*Psalm 8:3-6*](http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalms+8%3A3-6)*; 32:1-5; 51:5;*[*Isaiah 6:5*](http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Isaiah+6%3A5)*;*[*Jeremiah 17:5*](http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Jeremiah+17%3A5)*;*[*Acts 17:26-31*](http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Acts+17%3A26-31)*;*[*Romans 1:19-32*](http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Romans+1%3A19-32)*; 3:10-18, 23; 5:6; 6:6; 7:14-25;*[*1 Corinthians 1:21-31*](http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1+Corinthians+1%3A21-31)*; 15:19, 21-22;*[*Ephesians 2*](http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Ephesians+2)*;*[*Colossians 1:21-22*](http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Colossians+1%3A21-22)*; 3:9-11*

**Salvation**

Salvation comes only through repentance of sins and trust in Christ’s shed blood. There is no other way to get to heaven and be reconciled to God than through His Son. Salvation is a one-time experience and cannot be lost or altered. It is a gift of God, given by grace, and cannot be earned through human effort. Every person’s body will eventually die but his soul is eternal. The only places his soul can spend eternity are in Heaven, worshipping God forever, or in Hell, eternally separated from God.

[*Isaiah 1:18*](http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Isaiah+1%3A18)*; 53:5-6; 55:7;*[*Matthew 1:21*](http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew+1%3A21)*; 27:22-28:6;*[*Luke 1:68-69*](http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Luke+1%3A68-69)*; 2:28-32;*[*John 1:12*](http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=John+1%3A12)*; 3:16, 36; 5:24;*[*Acts 2:21*](http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Acts+2%3A21)*; 4:12; 16:30-31;*[*Romans 1:16-18*](http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Romans+1%3A16-18)*;3:23-25; 5:8-10; 6; 6:23;*[*1 Corinthians 1:18*](http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1+Corinthians+1%3A18)*;*[*2 Corinthians 5:17-20*](http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=2+Corinthians+5%3A17-20)*;*[*Galatians 2:20*](http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Galatians+2%3A20)*; 3:13;*[*Ephesians 2:8-10*](http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Ephesians+2%3A8-10)*;*[*Philippians 2:12-13*](http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Philippians+2%3A12-13)*;*[*Hebrews 9:24-28*](http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Hebrews+9%3A24-28)*; 1 John 2:25; 5:11-13;* [*Revelation 3:20*](http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Revelation+3%3A20)*; 20:15*