



Statement of Faith

We believe in God the Father, Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord. Jesus Christ was conceived by the Holy Spirit and was born of a virgin, Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into Hades, and on the third day He rose again from the grave. He ascended into Heaven, where He sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From Heaven, He shall come to earth again to judge the living and the dead. We believe in the Holy Spirit, one holy Christian church, the communion of all true saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the gift of everlasting life. - The Apostles Creed.

I. God

We believe that there is one God, eternally existent in three Persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Each Person possesses distinct personal attributes, but without division of essence. He is omnipotent, omnipresent, and omniscient. He is the Creator, Sustainer, and Governor of everything that has been made.

(Genesis 1:1; Exodus 20:2-3; Isaiah 43:1,7,21; Revelation 4:11; 5:9-10)

A. God the Father

We believe that God the Father reigns with the providential care over His universe and the flow of the stream of human history according to the purposes of His grace. God is Father in truth to those who become children of God through faith in Jesus Christ.

(Genesis 1:1; Exodus 3:14; 15:1-20; Acts 1:7; Romans 8:14-15; 1 Corinthians 8:6, Ephesians 4:4-6)

B. God the Son

We believe in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious and atoning death through His shed blood, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and in His personal return in power and glory.

(Luke 1:34-35; John 1:1,14; 3:16-18; 5:17-30,36-47; Acts 1:9-11; 2:22-36)

C. God the Holy Spirit

We believe that the Holy Spirit is the Spirit of God, fully divine. We believe in the indwelling of the Holy Spirit in those who have received Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. He inspired the Holy Scriptures and enables men to understand truth. He exalts Christ, convicts men of sin, calls men to repentance, cultivates Christian character, makes intercession for us, and seals the believer until the day of redemption.

(1 Corinthians 2:10-14; 12:3-13; Ephesians 1:13-14; 4:30; 2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:21)

II. The Holy Scriptures.

We believe the Bible to be the inspired, the only infallible, authoritative Word of God. As such, it is the final authoritative rule for faith, life, and standards of education.

(Psalm 119:160; John 16:13; 2 Timothy 3:14-17)

III. Mankind.

We believe that God made man in His own image, and mankind fell into sin by his own free choice. Only the grace of God can bring man into His holy fellowship. We believe that the chief end of man is to glorify God and enjoy Him forever.

(Genesis 1:26-30; 3:1-24; Romans 1:19-32; 3:23; 1 Corinthians 6:20; Revelation 22:3-5)

IV. Salvation.

We believe that because of Adam's sin, all mankind is in rebellion against God. For the salvation of lost and sinful men, regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely necessary. Salvation is by grace through faith in Christ as Lord, yet faith without works is dead. Faith and repentance are inseparable experiences of grace. In its broadest sense, salvation includes regeneration, justification, sanctification, and glorification.

(Romans 5:8,12-21; 8:1-11; 2 Corinthians 5:9-10; Ephesians 2:8-9; James 2:18-26)

V. The Resurrection.

We believe that Jesus Christ rose from the dead after three days. We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost; those who are saved to the resurrection of life, and those who are lost to the resurrection of condemnation.

(Matthew 28:1-10; Mark 16:1-20; Luke 24:1-12; John 20:1-31; Revelation 20:11-15)

VI. The Church.

We believe in the spiritual unity of all believers in our Lord Jesus Christ.

(Acts 2:42-47; Ephesians 4:3)

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