

1 Statement of Faith

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3 1. The Bible

4 I believe the Bible is the inspired, infallible, and authoritative Word of God. It is the final
5 authority in all matters of faith and practice. It must never be used as a weapon to condemn
6 people but as a vehicle to inform about a God that loves them more than they can comprehend.

7 2. God

8 I believe in one God that takes three different forms: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. This of
9 course is a hard idea to understand or explain in words. I think the source of the difficulty exists
10 because of the difficulty in defining an omnipotent God using the tool of limited human
11 language. God is the Alpha and the Omega. I believe God knew me before I was born. I believe
12 that he gave me the gift of free will. I believe that God is present everywhere throughout time
13 and space.

14 3. Jesus Christ

15 I believe that Jesus is the incarnation of God. I believe that he walked this Earth in human form
16 as the ultimate act of love to demonstrate how we are to live and act and worship. I believe in
17 his death on the cross paid the price for our sin (once and for always). I believed in the bodily
18 resurrection demonstrating that he has power even over death. I believe that he ascended into
19 heaven and that he will return. I believe that this Jesus has the ability to change lives and bring
20 people into the person they were created to be.

21 4. The Holy Spirit

22 I believe the Holy Spirit acts in our world today. This spirit of God convicts the world of sin and
23 reminds us about the fact of God's love. The spirit surrounds us and helps believers to walk
24 through times of temptation and darkness.

25 5. Salvation

26 I believe salvation is a gift from God by grace through faith in Jesus Christ. While it cannot be
27 earned through our actions or our hard work, it must be accepted with open hands.

28 6. The Church

29 I believe the Church is the body of Christ on earth although it sometimes does not act that way.
30 The mission of the church is to glorify God, proclaim the gospel to our neighbors wherever we
31 find them, and serve others in love.

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