

My Personal Statement of Faith

I believe that the Bible is God's Word. There's no other Book like it. Men write plenty of books – including religious ones – but the Bible is a Book where God Himself wrote through men to share His heart with us. This is the only Book I hold up as the Book that all other things are subject to. The Bible isn't a book of man's ideas; the Bible is the very true, infallible, inerrant and inspired Word of God Himself. (I believe this based on 1 Corinthians 14:37; 2 Peter 3:16; John 14:26; 2 Timothy 3:16-17)

I believe that the Bible is not merely to be believed in a theological sense only but is to be lived out by the Power of the Holy Spirit. Scripture is to be studied and obeyed... not merely acknowledged. The Word of God is our final authority in all things. (I believe this based on Psalm 119:11; Joshua 1:7-9; Matthew 4:4)

I believe that there is only One God and that there is no other god but the One True God; the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob; that the fullness of the Godhead bodily dwells in Jesus Christ. (I believe this based on Exodus 3:6; Deuteronomy 6:4; Genesis 1:26-27; John 17:3; Acts 5:1-11; Matthew 3:16-17; John 14:16-18; Acts 20:28; Colossians 2:9; Hebrews 3:7-12)

I believe that Jesus Christ has always existed as God before He ever came to earth as a man because He is God; the One True Almighty God. He's the God-Man... fully God and fully Man. He was conceived and born through the supernatural work of the Holy Spirit; His mother, Mary, was a virgin when she conceived Him. He was born without any sin and is the only One who was ever born through the womb of a virgin. He lived a life free from any sin and was perfect and innocent in all ways. When the devil tempted Him, He never gave in. He performed tons of miracles like healings, raising people from the dead and casting out demons. He died on the Cross and shed His Blood as God's own sacrifice and there's no other way to be saved but through His atoning Blood alone. He not only died but He also rose from the dead... not in a "spiritual way" but He actually rose from death. He then was taken up into Heaven and sat down on His Throne and one day He's going to return for all of those who have made Him their Lord, Master, Savior and Friend. (I believe this based on Exodus 3:14; John 8:58; John 1:1; 1 Timothy 2:5-6; Matthew 1:23; Hebrews 4:15; Mark 15:24-25; 1 Peter 1:18-19; John 14:6; 1 Corinthians 15:1-4; Acts 1:9-11; Hebrews 10:12)

I believe that everyone ever born was born separated from God and that no one is born a Christian. Only through the Power of God's Holy Spirit can anyone even come to God. The Lord requires that anyone wanting to know Him must absolutely repent (change their mind about and turn away from) sin and trust in His Son, Jesus Christ, as their one and only hope for eternal life. The moment a person repents and puts their full trust in Jesus Christ, they're to be water baptized which is a covenant (or real-deal agreement) with God that they're going to love, honor, serve, obey and walk with Him for the rest of their natural lives on earth. (I believe this based on Romans 5:12-14; Romans 5:8; John 16:7-11; Acts 2:36-47; 2 Timothy 2:25; Acts 5:31; Acts 11:18; Romans 10:8-13; John 14:1-3)

I believe in water baptism by full immersion upon an individual's repentance from sin and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Water baptism is the answer of a good conscience towards God and is both a death and burial of self and is also a raising up to new life by the Glory of God the Father. (I believe this based on Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 2:38-39; Romans 6:1-4; 1 Peter 3:20-22)

I believe in Holiness. Holiness is where God Himself transforms our hearts to love what He loves and hate what He hates. Apart from holiness, no one will ever see God; those who practice sin and yet claim to know God are deceived and are liars. (I believe this based on Hebrews 12:14; John 15:1-9)

I believe in Grace. The Grace of God is not a license to sin but rather removes us from sin and it's power and that God's Grace can be multiplied to us. The true Grace of God transforms a life in order that the individual may freely walk in Holiness. Grace is God's empowerment on all who have repented, placed their trust fully in Jesus Christ and who have been water baptized according to the New Covenant. (I believe this based on Titus 2:11-15; 2 Peter 1:2-4; Jude 1:3-4)

I believe in prayer and in fasting: Prayer and fasting are the means that God has given to His children whereby we come into greater and greater measures of knowing Him in relationship. Prayer and fasting are the lifeblood of the Believer as well as any local church; it's the fuel that drives the People of God and the Church of God. (I believe this based on Matthew 6:5-18; 1 Thessalonians 5:17)

I believe in regular fellowship: Gathering together as the People of God is not optional; it's commanded in the New Covenant and even more than this it's an invitation to be a part of a spiritual family of faith in Jesus Christ. Regularly coming together as a local church is the Will of God for each individual Believer. The Scripture warns against following the example of those who refuse to attend a local church. (I believe this based on Hebrews 10:24-25; Hebrews 13:17; 1 Corinthians 12:12-31; 1 Corinthians 14:26)

I believe that God calls us to be filled with the Holy Spirit on a constant basis and that He gives gifts and ministries to each of His children based on His Will. Not only that, but being full of God's Spirit also does something life changing to our character way deep inside of our hearts that shows itself in you relationships with others. (I believe this based on Luke 3:16; Acts 1:5; Acts 1:8; 1 Corinthians 12-14; Ephesians 5:18-21)

I believe that the Lord has always reigned victorious over satan, demons and the kingdom of darkness; His death and resurrection have brought His People into that same victory. We, as the Church of Jesus Christ, are called to manifest God's Kingdom on the earth through the Anointing of God. Sin, sickness, disease and mental torment are not God's Will for any of His Children and therefore we're called to see the captives set free by God's Power. (I believe this based on Mark 16:15-20; Acts 1:5; Acts 1:8; Colossians 2:15)

I believe in the imminent, bodily, physical return of Jesus Christ for His Church. I affirm that Jesus Christ will return for His People; for those who walk in Holiness. I do not believe that Jesus Christ will return for those who's lives are marked by the practice of sin but will instead war against such people at His return. Those who love the Lord Jesus Christ and obey Him will be rewarded with immortality and incorruption. (I believe this based on Acts 1:11; 1 Corinthians 15:50-58; Revelation 1:7)

I believe that angels, demons and satan are actual spiritual beings; I don't for one moment think that these beings are somehow "made up". How could I? I mean, angels, demons and satan are at work all over the world so it's petty obvious they're real. Angels are God's servants while demons and satan are the enemies of anything and anyone God loves. One day, all demons as well as satan will be thrown by God into the lake of fire. (I believe this based on Matthew 25:41; Luke 2:10; Mark 5:9; Job 1:6)

I believe that Heaven and Hell are actual places. Those who have trusted in Jesus Christ alone and who die will immediately go to be with Him while those who die without Him as their Lord and Savior will immediately be in torment in Hell, awaiting the Last Judgment where they will be thrown into the lake of fire. (I believe this based on 2 Corinthians 12:2; Matthew 25:41; Revelation 20:11-15)