



1040 Global Statement of Faith

We affirm our commitment to following the Triune God about whom the Holy Scriptures bear witness and share with other genuine believers the following:

1. **The One True God** - There is one, and only one, true God,¹ the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.² He is the Creator and Lord of all,³ existing eternally in three persons, - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.⁴
2. **The Lord Jesus Christ** - Jesus Christ is fully divine and fully human, the eternally existing Son of God in the flesh.⁵ Everything was created by Him and for Him.⁶ The Son's incarnation took place in the womb of a virgin by the Holy Spirit.⁷ He became fully human,⁸ but never sinned.⁹ To save us from sin and death, he died, resurrected bodily, ascended into heaven where He remains fully God and fully human, and is presently ministering until he comes again.
3. **The Holy Spirit** - The Holy Spirit is fully God, existing eternally.¹⁰ He is a person,¹¹ and was involved in Creation¹² and the inspiration of Scripture.¹³ His works of convicting¹⁴ and regenerating¹⁵ are essential to the believer's salvation. Believers are given the benefit and joy of being filled¹⁶ with and walking in the Spirit¹⁷ for empowerment in Christian life, service, and mission.¹⁸ The Holy Spirit gives each believer a unique combination of spiritual gifts for the purpose of serving God and people.¹⁹
4. **The Bible** - We believe in the inspiration²⁰ of the Holy Scriptures, by which we understand the 66 books of the Old and New Testaments,²¹ given by divine inspiration,²² inerrantly revealing the will of God concerning us in all things necessary to our salvation.²³
5. **Humanity** - God created man and woman in His image.²⁴ However, Adam's subsequent sin resulted in a condition of spiritual death²⁵ which all people since Adam have experienced,²⁶ marring the image they bear in every facet of life. This condition of spiritual death leads to physical death. All people are powerless to save themselves.²⁷ Therefore, new birth is necessary for salvation.²⁸
6. **Salvation** - The salvation brought by God is a total and eternal salvation by His grace alone. We participate in this free gift of God by being united with the Lord Jesus Christ's death and resurrection through personal faith, thus being established in righteousness through him.
7. **Church** - There exists one true Church, which is called the Household of God,²⁹ the Body of Christ,³⁰ and the Temple of the Holy Spirit.³¹ It is comprised of all true disciples of Jesus Christ and is created by the action of the Holy Spirit.³² We affirm that the Church began on a particular day of Pentecost when our ascended Lord sent His Spirit to the waiting disciples.³³ Deliverance from slavery to Sin and Death and initiation into the Church is through water baptism, ordered in Matthew's Gospel³⁴ and important to the identification of the believer as a follower of Jesus Christ.

8. **Christian Life** - The believer is saved by faith alone.³⁵ The faith that saves is expected to produce obedience³⁶ and good works,³⁷ which are the products of the indwelling Holy Spirit.³⁸ The dimensions of biblical ethics are both individual and social, and extend to every facet of life.³⁹ God faithfully continues to finish the work of sanctification, which He initiated in the life of each believer⁴⁰ with the goal of Christlikeness.⁴¹
9. **Angels, Satan, Demons** - God created a multitude of spiritual beings called “angels”.⁴² Righteous angels continue to serve God and work both in the heavenly sphere and on earth.⁴³ Satan, a fallen creation of God, is the “father of lies” and “the prince of the air” and works against God’s good purposes for the world. Jesus Christ has overcome Satan⁴⁴ so that the final judgment and doom of Satan and his demons are certain.⁴⁵
10. **Future Life** - Those who are in Christ are not separated from God, even in death. Their bodies will be resurrected at Christ’s return. Unbelievers, already under condemnation, will be sentenced at Christ’s return to suffer eternal separation from God. Believers, already having been granted eternal life,⁴⁶ will be judged and rewarded according to their works,⁴⁷ and will experience a glorified, eternal existence in the presence of the Lord.⁴⁸ The second coming of Christ is the personal, physical, and visible return from heaven of Christ to earth,⁴⁹ the making new of the heavens and the earth, and the institution of His eternal kingdom.”
11. We affirm that God’s plan for the church is best summarized in Jesus’ command to make disciples of all nations.⁵⁰ This includes the evangelistic call to reconciliation with God and the lifelong pursuit of obedience in union with Christ, by the empowerment of the Holy Spirit.

Appendix – Supporting Scriptures

¹ Deuteronomy 6:4; Isaiah 43:10; 1Corinthians 8:4-6; 1Timothy 2:5

² Matthew 22:32; Acts 3:13

³ Genesis 1:1; Psalm 146:6; John 1:3; Colossians 1:16-17

⁴ Matthew 28:19; Luke 3:22; 2Corinthians 13-14

⁵ John 1:1-3,14; John 8:58; Titus 2:13

⁶ Romans 11:36; Colossians 1:16

⁷ John 1:14; Matthew 1:18-23; Luke 1:29-35

⁸ Luke 2:52; John 19:28; Philippians 2:6-8

⁹ Hebrews 4:15; 1Peter 2:22

¹⁰ Acts 5:3-4

¹¹ John 16:7-15

¹² Genesis 1:2

¹³ 2Peter 1:21

¹⁴ John 16:8-11

¹⁵ Titus 3:5

¹⁶ Ephesians 5:18

¹⁷ Galatians 5:16

¹⁸ Galatians 5:22-23; Ephesians 3:16-21; Acts 1:8

¹⁹ Romans 12:6; 1Corinthians 12:7-11

²⁰ 2 Timothy 3:15-17
²¹ 1 Peter 1:10-12
²² 2 Peter 1:20-21
²³ 1 Corinthians 15:3-4; Luke 24:44-47
²⁴ Genesis 1:26-28
²⁵ Genesis 3:1-24
²⁶ Romans 5:12-19
²⁷ Ephesians 2:8-9
²⁸ John 1:12; John 3:3-5
²⁹ 1 Peter 4:17; Ephesians 2:19-20; 1 Timothy 3:14-15
³⁰ 1 Corinthians 12:27; Ephesians 1:22-23
³¹ 1 Corinthians 3:16; Ephesians 1:21-22
³² 1 Corinthians 12:13
³³ Acts 2:1; Acts 2:37-47
³⁴ Matthew 3:1-7; 28:16-20
³⁵ Romans 4:5; Ephesians 2:8-9
³⁶ Romans 1:5
³⁷ James 2:14-17; Titus 3:8
³⁸ Galatians 5:22-23
³⁹ Matthew 22:37-40; Colossians 3:17
⁴⁰ Philippians 1:6; Philippians 2:12-13
⁴¹ Romans 8:29; 2 Corinthians 3:18
⁴² Daniel 7:10; Hebrews 12:22
⁴³ Hebrews 1:14; Ephesians 1:21; Ephesians 3:10
⁴⁴ 1 John 3:8
⁴⁵ John 12:31; Romans 16:20; Revelation 2:10
⁴⁶ John 3:16; John 6:47
⁴⁷ Romans 14:10-12; 1 Corinthians 3:10-15; 2 Corinthians 5:10
⁴⁸ 1 Thessalonians 4:17; Revelation 21:3-5; Psalm 16:11
⁴⁹ Acts 1:11; Zechariah 14:4
⁵⁰ Matthew 28:18-20; Romans 1:5