

Statement of Faith Scriptural References

1. The Scriptures

- Do not bear false witness: Exodus 20:16
- Severe consequences for altering Scriptures: Deuteronomy 4:2; Proverbs 30:5-6; Revelation 22:18-19 (in regards to the book of Revelation)
- Corrupt leaders changing Scriptures: Jeremiah 8:8
- Preservation of God's Word: Isaiah 40:8; Matthew 5:18; 1 Peter 1:24-25
- Sufficiency for instruction and discernment: 2 Timothy 3:16-17; Psalm 119:105; Hebrews 4:12
- Purpose to know God and Jesus: John 5:39; John 20:31; 2 Peter 1:19-21
- Trustworthy due to consistencies and prophecies: Luke 24:44; 2 Peter 1:20-21
- More books testifying to Him: John 21:25

2. God

- Uncreated Creator: Genesis 1:1; Isaiah 40:28; John 1:3; Colossians 1:16
- All-knowing: Psalm 139:1-6; Hebrews 4:13; 1 John 3:20
- Ruler, Preserver, King, and Judge: Psalm 103:19; Daniel 4:35; Acts 17:24-25; Romans 11:36
- Eternal and unseen: 1 Timothy 1:17; John 1:18; Romans 1:20
- Created in His image, male and female: Genesis 1:26-27
- Father to mankind: Matthew 6:9; Ephesians 3:14-15
- Relational and triune: Matthew 28:19; 2 Corinthians 13:14; Genesis 1:26 ("Our image")

A. God the Father

- Sovereign reign over creation: Ephesians 4:6; Psalm 115:3; Matthew 6:26-30
- Relational and familial: Psalm 68:5; Romans 8:15

B. God the Son

- The Word with God: John 1:1-2, 14
- Born of virgin Mary: Luke 1:30-35; Isaiah 7:14; Matthew 1:18-25
- Lived sinless under the Law: Galatians 4:4; Hebrews 4:15; 2 Corinthians 5:21
- Lamb of God and sacrifice: John 1:29; 1 Peter 1:19; Hebrews 9:26-28; Isaiah 53:4-7
- Substitutionary death and resurrection: Romans 3:25; 1 Corinthians 15:3-4; Romans 4:25
- Mediator and reconciliation: 1 Timothy 2:5; Hebrews 7:25; 2 Corinthians 5:18-19
- Ascension and exaltation: Acts 1:9-11; Ephesians 1:20-21; Philippians 2:9-11
- Return to judge: Acts 1:11; Matthew 25:31-32; Revelation 19:11-16
- Adoption as sons and daughters: Romans 8:14-17; Galatians 3:26; John 1:12
- Law of Christ: Galatians 6:2; 1 Corinthians 9:21

C. God the Holy Spirit

- Received by faith: Acts 2:38; Galatians 3:2-5; Ephesians 1:13-14
- Eternal life through knowing Father and Son: John 17:3
- Spirit of Truth, Peace, Advocate: John 14:16-17, 26; John 16:13; Romans 8:6
- Convicts of sin, righteousness, judgment: John 16:8-11
- Bears fruit through faith: Galatians 5:22-23; John 15:4-5, 8
- Pruning and abiding: John 15:1-8, 16
- Sovereign over gifts: 1 Corinthians 12:4-11; Ephesians 4:7-13
- Seals believers: Ephesians 1:13; Ephesians 4:30
- New Covenant promise: Ezekiel 36:22-32; Jeremiah 31:31-34; Hebrews 8:8-12

3. Mankind

- Created in God's image, male and female: Genesis 1:26-27; Genesis 5:1-2
- Spirit and unity of male/female: Genesis 2:7, 21-24
- Role as representatives: Genesis 1:28; Psalm 8:4-6
- Garden of Eden and commission: Genesis 2:8-17; Genesis 1:28

- Guardian cherub's rebellion and temptation: Ezekiel 28:12-17 (interpreted as Satan's fall); Genesis 3:1-6; Isaiah 14:12-15
- Sin bringing death: Genesis 3:17-19; Romans 5:12; Romans 6:23
- Mercy and clothing: Genesis 3:21
- Cast out of garden: Genesis 3:22-24
- Cherub cast to realm of dead/earth: Ezekiel 28:18; Luke 10:18; Revelation 12:9
- God's plan for restoration: Genesis 3:15; Romans 5:18-19; 1 Corinthians 15:21-22

4. Salvation

- God of life, peace, righteousness: Deuteronomy 30:15-16; Romans 14:17; Hebrews 12:14
- Relational restoration: John 17:3; 1 John 1:3
- Death and sin entered through Adam/Eve/cherub: Romans 5:12-14; Genesis 3
- Revelation through Jesus: John 1:18; Hebrews 1:1-3
- Trust (faith) for relationship: Ephesians 2:8-9; Hebrews 11:6; John 14:1
- Resurrection and immortality: 1 Corinthians 15:51-54; John 11:25-26; Romans 6:5

5. God's purpose of Grace

- Desire for relationship: 2 Peter 3:9; 1 Timothy 2:3-4; Ezekiel 18:23
- Love despite failure: Romans 5:8; Ephesians 2:4-5; John 3:16
- Greatest expression in Jesus' life, death, resurrection: Romans 3:24-25; Titus 2:11-14; Ephesians 1:7
- Atonement and redemption: Hebrews 9:12; 1 Peter 1:18-19
- Message of reconciliation: 2 Corinthians 5:18-21; Colossians 1:19-22

6. The Church

- All believers with Christ as Head: Ephesians 1:22-23; Ephesians 5:23; Colossians 1:18
- Governed by commandments: Matthew 28:18-20; John 13:34-35
- Hierarchical yet relational: Ephesians 4:11-16; 1 Peter 5:1-4

- Teach all nations: Matthew 28:19-20
 - Build up and use gifts in love: Ephesians 4:12-16; 1 Corinthians 12:12-27; Romans 12:4-8
 - Love God and neighbor: Matthew 22:37-40; 1 John 4:20-21
7. Baptism and the Passover Meal
- Baptism as ritual washing/repentance: Matthew 3:1-6 (John's baptism); Leviticus 15 (cleansing rites)
 - Not required for Spirit/eternal life: Acts 10:44-48 (Spirit before baptism); Acts 16:31
 - Public testimony: Romans 6:3-4; 1 Peter 3:21; Galatians 3:27
 - Baptism of the Spirit: 1 Corinthians 12:13; Ephesians 4:5; John 3:5-6
 - Lord's Supper/Passover Meal: Luke 22:14-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; Matthew 26:26-29
 - Symbolic of New Covenant: Jeremiah 31:31-34; Hebrews 8:8-12; Exodus 12 (Passover)
 - Remembrance and acknowledgment of return: 1 Corinthians 11:26; Luke 22:16-18
8. The Lord's Day
- First day commemorating resurrection: John 20:1; Mark 16:2; Acts 20:7
 - Worship and study: Acts 20:7; 1 Corinthians 16:2; Hebrews 10:24-25
 - Like Bereans: Acts 17:10-11
 - Free to observe Sabbath/festivals: Romans 14:5-6; Colossians 2:16-17; Galatians 4:9-10
9. The Day of the Lord and the Last Days
- Comes like a thief: 1 Thessalonians 5:2; 2 Peter 3:10; Revelation 16:15
 - Not predictable: Matthew 24:36; Mark 13:32
 - Judgment: Matthew 25:31-46; Revelation 20:11-15; 2 Corinthians 5:10
 - Resurrection of dead: 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17; 1 Corinthians 15:52
 - Separation to Heaven or Hell: Matthew 25:46; Revelation 20:14-15; John 5:28-29

- Love not growing cold: Matthew 24:12-13
- (Note: The statement on aborted/stillborn/severely disabled being in Heaven without guilt is a theological inference, not directly scripted, but draws from concepts like Romans 7:9; Deuteronomy 1:39; 2 Samuel 12:23 on innocence and accountability.)

10. Evangelism and Missions

- Gifts of evangelism/apostleship: Ephesians 4:11; Romans 12:6-8; 1 Corinthians 12:28
- Sending out: Acts 13:1-3; Romans 10:14-15
- Great Commission: Matthew 28:19-20; Mark 16:15; Acts 1:8
- Connect with churches: Acts 15:36; Philippians 4:14-18
- Discipleship: Matthew 28:19; 2 Timothy 2:2
- Treat as family, not projects: Galatians 6:10; 1 John 3:1; Romans 8:16-17; Matthew 22:39