

Genesis Statement of Faith

We believe that you matter to God. The same awesome God who created the universe created you and wants you to find His true meaning and purpose for your life. Here are other key elements of what we believe:

1. **We Believe** there is only one God, who exists eternally as a Trinity of Father, Son (Jesus Christ) and Holy Spirit. Each member of the Trinity is fully God, yet each is distinct from the other.
2. **We Believe** the Bible (both Old and New Testaments) is the Word of God, written by individuals who were inspired by the Holy Spirit to write down what God wanted to communicate to us.
3. **We Believe** Jesus Christ proclaimed and inaugurated the kingdom of God, was crucified and died on the cross, was resurrected from the dead and ascended to heaven. Someday, he will return to Earth to conclude history and consummate God's kingdom.
4. **We Believe** the Holy Spirit comes to live within a person once they accept God's free gift of salvation. The Spirit guides us in understanding God's Word and His will, gives us power to live as God wants us to live, and gives us spiritual gifts to serve the Church and change the world.
5. **We Believe** men and women are created by God to live in relationship with him. Yet, the first humans chose to rebel against God bringing sin into the world. Sin spread to all humans, separating us from God.
6. **We Believe** men and women are created to exist forever. We will either exist eternally separated from God by sin (hell) or in union with God through forgiveness and salvation (heaven).
7. **We Believe** Jesus Christ died on the cross to pay for our sins. It is only through faith in Jesus Christ – not by being a good person or doing good deeds – that a person can be restored to a right relationship with God.
8. **We Believe** the church is the Body of Christ, made up of those who follow Jesus together in authentic community, relating to God personally and representing God powerfully.