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# Statement of Faith

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It is our desire that this Statement of Faith direct you to important statements in the Word of God - the Bible.

*“It pleased God to give us the whole Bible; and it ought to be the ambition of the Christian mind to take complete possession of it. The volume of our joy throughout eternity may depend on the faithfulness and diligence with which we now make use of this precious heritage.”*

“How to Study the Bible” by James Stalker, D.D. as quoted in *Christian Worker and His Bible* by D.H. Whittle.

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**I A.** We believe that there is only one God, who is a spiritual essence, eternal, infinite, all merciful, all wise, all just; in a word, every way perfect. That God is omniscient, omnipotent, omnipresent and that in His infinite and pure essence there are three persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.

**Deuteronomy 4:39; Deuteronomy 6:4-5; I Samuel 2:2-3; Psalm 139; John 17:3; I Timothy 6:13-16; James 1:16-18; I John 5:7**

**B.** We believe that God created the heaven and the earth-all things, all creatures, and all laws governing the action of all. That God, being Sovereign, determines the number of our days and according to His Will gives healing to our Spirit, soul and body.

**Genesis 1:1; Psalm 103:3; Psalm 119:89-91; Isaiah 53:5; Colossians 1:12-17; I Thessalonians 5:23; Hebrews 9:27; James 5:13-16; I John 5:14-15**

- II** We believe that God has manifested Himself to man, by His glorious works, as well by His creation, His continual Providence, and by His Word revealed first by His oracles in diverse manners; afterwards reduced by writing into books, which we call the Bible.  
**Number 12:6-8; Psalm 119:89-91; Hebrews 1:1-4; John 1:1-14**
- III** We believe that original manuscripts of the Bible, the Old and New Testaments, are in truth the Word of God. Translations faithful to these original manuscripts are of supreme and final authority and are to be received as the rule of our Faith and the direction of our lives.  
**Deuteronomy 8:3; Matthew 4:4; II Timothy 3:16-17; II Peter 1:19-21**
- IV** We believe the Holy Spirit works in the hearts and lives of men revealing the truth of God as found in the Word of God and enlightens and empowers them to do the will of God.  
**Jeremiah 31:31-34; Ezekiel 36:25-27; John 3:5-8; John 14:16-17; John 15:26; John 16:7-16; Romans 5:5; Romans 8; Romans 15:13; Hebrews 8:8-10**
- V** We believe man was created in the image of God. He sinned and as a result he and all of his posterity were made sinners. By his disobedience sin entered into the world and death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned.  
**Genesis 1:26-27; Romans 3:23; Romans 5:12; Romans 6:23; I John 3:4**
- VI** We believe Satan is the enemy of God and man; he is a deceiver, the accuser of the brethren and their adversary. By the work of Christ, Satan is a defeated foe. The destiny and doom of Satan are sure.  
**I Corinthians 15:55-57; Ephesians 6:11-12; I Peter 5:7-11; I John 3:8-10; Revelation 12:9-12**
- VII** We believe Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. He was begotten by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary and was true man and God Incarnate. He died for our sins, God raised Him from the dead and He ever liveth making intercession for us. He is the only Savior and is calling out a people for His Name. The Scripture refers to them as saints of God. Jesus is referred to in scripture as the "Word made flesh and dwelt among us".  
**Matthew 1:20-23; Matthew 16:15-19; John 1:14; Acts 4:10-12; Acts 15:13-18; I Corinthians 15:3-4; Ephesians 1:17-23; Colossians 1:9-18; I Thessalonians 3:13; Hebrews 4:14-16; Hebrews 7:24-25; I John 3:8**
- VIII A.** We believe that only through the blood of Christ is eternal redemption obtained for us. All who obey the Gospel, repent, confess their sin, ask for forgiveness and cleansing from unrighteousness, receive salvation and eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Romans 5:8-9; Hebrews 9:11-14; I Peter 1:18-25; I John 1:9; John 4:9-15**
- B.** We believe that God has commanded all men to believe on and confess the name of His Son Jesus Christ. That all who believe are the elect of God and have been chosen unto salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth. That all unbelievers are children of disobedience and as such are under condemnation and the wrath of God.  
**Isaiah 55:1-11; John 3:16-21, 36; Romans 10:9-13; Ephesians 2:1-10; I Thessalonians 2:9; II Thessalonians 1:9-10; II Thessalonians 2:13-14; I John 3:23; I John 4:9-15**

**IX A.** We believe that there will be a bodily resurrection of the dead, both of the just and the unjust.

**Daniel 12:2-3; Acts 24:14-15;**

**I Corinthians 15:23;**

**Revelation 20:4-6,12-15**

**B.** We believe that Jesus Christ will return to this earth and with His church establish His Kingdom on the earth. The church will reign with Christ one thousand years. The nation of Israel will be restored completely and Jesus Christ will sit upon the throne of David bringing justice and judgement and peace and prosperity to His people Israel and ultimately to all the kingdoms on the earth. The Adamic curse will be removed and the kingdoms of this earth will become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ and He shall reign for ever and ever. A new heaven and a new earth will be ushered in as the kingdom is delivered up to the Father that He may be all in all.

**Isaiah 9:6-7; Isaiah 51:1-3;**

**Isaiah 55:8-13; Isaiah 65:17-25;**

**Ezekiel 37:18-28; Habakkuk 2:14;**

**Acts 3:21; I Corinthians 15:24-28;**

**I Thessalonians 4:13-18; Jude 14-15;**

**Revelation 5:9-10; Revelation 20:1-6;**

**Revelation 11:15; Revelation 19:15-16**

**X A.** We believe the church is the company of the faithful, who being elected by God, before the foundation of the world, and called to a Holy vocation, are united together to follow the Word of God, believing that which He teaches, and living in His fear and that this church cannot fail, or be destroyed, but that it will always remain. Those called out ones are the elect of God, members of His body, the church, of which He is the head.

**Matthew 16:16-19; Ephesians 1:1-6, 17-23; I Peter 1:17-25; I Peter 2:9**

**B.** We believe God instructs us in His Word that there are two ordinances for all members of the Church under the New Testament; Baptism and the Lords Supper. That the Baptism of professing believers is a testimony of their salvation in Christ. That the ordinance of the Lords Supper is observed in remembrance of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, to show forth His death till He comes.

**Acts 8:35-39; Romans 6:3-6;**

**I Corinthians 11:23-32; I Peter 3:21**

**C.** We believe it is necessary that the Church ordain elders and pastors, well instructed in God's Holy Word, the Bible. That these ordained ones preach, oversee, and teach the flock of Christ, following the rules of a good and holy discipline. Conjointly with the deacons, they minister to the congregation according to the principles and practices of the Word of God.

**Acts 14:21-23; Acts 20:17-38;**

**I Timothy 3:1-13; I Timothy 5:17-20;**

**II Timothy 4:1-5; Titus 1:5-9; I Peter 5:1-7**

**D.** We believe members of the church, which is the body of Christ, are to be His faithful witnesses. They are to communicate the gospel to others. They are to propagate the gospel of Christ to others through word and deed.

**Matthew 28:19-20; Acts 1:7-8;**

**Romans 10:9-17; II Corinthians 3:2-3;**

**Colossians 3:17**

**XI** We believe God's laws, statutes and judgments and His covenants of promise are given to us in the Bible for our learning, admonition, edification and blessing. God governs in the affairs of nations as well as individuals, bringing to fruition His plans and purposes.

**Deuteronomy 6:24; Joshua 1:8;**

**Psalms 103:1-22; Daniel 5:21;**

**Habakkuk 2:14; Acts 3:12-26;**

**Romans 8:28-30**

**XII** We believe God has established kings and magistrates for the government of his people, and they ought to be subject and obedient to those by virtue of the said order, “not only for wrath, that but for conscience sake”, in all things that are conformable to the Word of God, who is the King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

**Matthew 22:21; Acts 5:29;  
Romans 13:1-7; I Timothy 2:1-6;  
I Peter 2:13-17**

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***The Holy Bible***  
*- King James Version*

**XIII** We believe the Word of God and the spirit of God minister grace to unworthy sinful man, enabling him. to know and obey God.

**Psalm 19:7; Psalm 119:50;  
Matthew 4:4; John 14:26; Romans 6;  
Acts 20:32; Ephesians 2:8-10; II Peter 1:4**

***Christian Worker and His Bible***  
*- D. W. Whittle*

**XIV A.** We believe that man was deliberately designed and wonderfully made, male and female, by God. That marriage is the institution ordained by God to satisfy certain personal needs in heterosexual relationships and for the purpose and function of procreation.

***A Short Confession of the Faith of the Churches of Piedmont***  
*- History of the Vaudois*

**B.** That children are a heritage of the Lord and the fruit of the womb is His reward. That man is responsible to rear them in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

**Genesis 1:27; Genesis 2:24;  
Genesis 18:19; Deuteronomy 6:3-9;  
Psalm 127:3-5; Matthew 18:1-6;  
Matthew 19:4-6, 13-15; Ephesians 5:31;  
Ephesians 6:1-4; Hebrews 13:4**

***Christian View of Sex Education***  
*- Martin Wessler*

Preaching the Kingdom of God and teaching those things which concern the Lord Jesus Christ, with all confidence...  
*- Acts 28:31*

**XV** We believe this Statement of Faith (though imperfect) is an excellent summation of “the things most surely believed among us” and we believe it to be an assistance in controversy, a confirmation in faith, and a means of edification in righteousness.

**Psalm 78:1-8; Luke 1:1-4**

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