



Statement of Faith

Our core values can be briefly summarized in seven parts:

1. God
2. The Sanctity of Human Life
3. Marriage and the Family
4. Identity and Life Purpose
5. Freedom of Choice
6. Fun and Laughter
7. Behaviour and Personal Responsibility

1. God

We believe that there is one God¹, eternally existent² in three persons³: Father⁴, Son⁵, and Holy Spirit⁶;

We believe that all things were created by the Father⁷, and that He continues to govern the physical and spiritual universe so intimately that nothing can happen by chance⁸;

We believe in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ⁹, His virgin birth¹⁰, His sinless life¹¹, His miracles, His vicarious and atoning death through His shed blood¹², His bodily resurrection¹³, His ascension to the right hand of the Father¹⁴, and His personal return in power and glory¹⁵;

We believe that regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely necessary for the salvation of lost and sinful people¹⁶, and that by His indwelling¹⁷ the believer is freed from sin¹⁸ and is enabled to live in communion with other believers¹⁹;

We believe that God reveals His will for mankind entirely through the Bible²⁰ – consisting of the Old and New Testaments – which is the only inspired²¹, infallible²², inerrant²³ and authoritative²⁴ written Word of God, and that nothing pertaining to revelation or salvation may be added to or taken away from it²⁵;

We believe that a person is justified by grace alone²⁶, through faith alone²⁷, in the Lord Jesus Christ alone²⁸;

We believe in the bodily resurrection²⁹ of both the saved and the lost -- the saved unto life³⁰, and the lost unto death³¹.

2. The Sanctity of Human Life

We believe that human life is of inestimable value and significance in all its dimensions, including the unborn³², the aged³³, the orphaned and widowed³⁴, the mentally handicapped, the sick, the physically handicapped, and every other condition of human life from conception to death.

3. Marriage and the Family

We believe that men and women were created by God as two distinct genders³⁵, each being a completion of the other³⁶, to live in a covenant relationship together. This covenant – the institution of marriage³⁷ – was intended to be a permanent, lifelong relationship between husband and wife to the exclusion of all others³⁸, regardless of trials, poverty, sickness, or emotional stress.

We believe that one of the primary goals of the marriage relationship is the creation and expansion³⁹ of the nuclear family, and that the children given to parents are a heritage from God⁴⁰ and a blessing from His hand⁴¹. It is the primary duty of parents to raise, mold, and prepare their children for a life of service to God and to humanity⁴².

We acknowledge that because of the brokenness of human life, the family is not always expressed in a father-mother-child triad. We maintain that in all other expressions of the family – single parent, separated parents, blended families, grandparent(s), uncles and aunts, etc. – it remains the duty of the children's primary caregiver(s) to raise, mold, and prepare their charges for a life of service to God and to humanity.



4. Identity and Life Purpose

We believe that every person was created by God⁴³ in His image⁴⁴; and regardless of race⁴⁵, gender⁴⁶, age⁴⁷, marital status⁴⁸, or occupation, each person has a God-given purpose in every area of their life⁴⁹. It is of utmost importance for every person to find and to fulfill those purposes⁵⁰.

5. Freedom of Choice

We believe that all people should be free to make choices that are beneficial for themselves, but which are at the same time neither disobedient to God⁵¹, nor destructive to self⁵², nor harmful to others⁵³, nor detrimental to marriage⁵⁴ or family relationships⁵⁵.

6. Fun and Laughter

We believe that fun (play) and laughter are the reward for learning, and thus an essential part of a happy and fulfilled life⁵⁶.

7. Behaviour and Personal Responsibility

We believe that every action, every thought, every feeling, and every physical response of the human body – whether right or wrong, moral or immoral, effective or ineffective – are all part of our purpose-driven behaviours, and that each of us is wholly responsible for the consequences of our own behaviours⁵⁷.



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