

Statement of Faith



1. **I believe** the only **true** basis of Christian fellowship is Christ's (**Agape**) love, which is greater than any differences we possess, and without which we have no right to claim ourselves Christians.

2. **I believe** in all the fundamental doctrines of orthodox evangelical Christianity. These are the "**Essential Doctrines**" of Christianity:

a.) **I believe** in the inerrancy of Scripture, that the Bible, Old and New Testaments is the inspired, infallible Word of God.

b.) **I believe** that God is eternally existent in three separate persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

c.) **I believe** that God the Father is the personal, transcendent, and sovereign Creator of all things.

d.) **I believe** that Jesus Christ is fully God and fully human, that He was born of a virgin, lived a sinless life, provided for the atonement of our sins by His vicarious death on the Cross, was bodily resurrected by the power of the Holy Spirit, ascended back to the right hand of God the Father, and ever lives to make intercession for us.

e.) **After Jesus ascended to Heaven**, He poured out His Holy Spirit on the believers in Jerusalem, enabling them to fulfill His command to preach the Gospel to the entire world, an obligation shared by all believers today.

f.) **I believe** that all people are by nature separated from God and responsible for their own sin, but that salvation, redemption, and forgiveness are freely offered to all by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. When a person repents of sin and accepts Jesus Christ as personal Savior and Lord, trusting Him to save, that person is immediately born again and sealed by the Holy Spirit, all his/her sins are forgiven, and that person becomes a child of God, destined to spend eternity with the Lord.

3. **I believe** in the gifts of the Holy Spirit mentioned in the Scriptures, and that they are valid for today if they are exercised within the Scriptural guidelines. We as believers are to covet the best gifts, seeking to exercise them in love that the whole Body of Christ might be edified. We believe that love is more

important than the most spectacular gifts, and without this love all exercise of spiritual gifts is worthless.

4. I **await** the **pre-tribulation** rapture of the church, and I believe that the second coming of Christ with His saints to rule on the earth will be **personal, pre-millennial, and visible**. This motivates us to holy living, heartfelt worship, committed service, diligent study of God's Word, regular fellowship, and participation in adult baptism by immersion and Holy Communion.

I reject:

1. The belief that true Christians can be demon possessed;
2. "5-point Calvinism" (i.e., a fatalistic Calvinistic view that leaves no room for free will; specifically, we reject the belief that Jesus' atonement was limited, instead we believe that He died for all people, and I reject the assertion that God's wooing grace cannot be resisted or that He has elected some people to go to hell; instead I believe that anyone who wills to come to Christ may do so);
3. "Positive confession" (the faith movement belief that God can be commanded to heal or work miracles according to man's will),
4. Human prophecy that supersedes the Scripture,
5. The incorporation of humanistic and secular psychology and philosophy into Biblical teaching, and
6. The over-emphasis of spiritual gifts, experiential signs and wonders to the exclusion of Biblical teaching.

My husband and I "personally" don't agree with everything that John Calvin contributed to Christian Theology. (Namely, Limited Atonement and Irresistible Grace.) You are more than welcomed to email me to ask me about my beliefs. However, if you would like to debate the issue, there are more appropriate places than this website for that. This website is not about Calvinism or Arminianism or Eschatology.

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