Statement of Faith

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God hasn’t always played a huge role in my life. Up till about 3 years ago I was intrigued mainly on the historical and archaeological truths of the Bible and it’s history, but never really truly understood what it meant to be a Christian. Approximately 3 years ago a few co-workers of mine brought me to their church. Upon listening to the message given by the pastor and meeting more of the people there I found myself getting more and more intrigued into who God actually is and what the meaning of becoming a Christian is. After a few months I decided to take the plunge head long into Christ and was baptized. Since then I have been reading non-stop and soaking in as much information that I can about God and what it really means to be a Christian walking the narrow path.

The research I have done on my own and through my enrollment in college has answered a lot of questions that I have had concerning God and Christianity. It has helped me focus on what is truly important and the true meanings of grace, salvation, justification, and sanctification. In my search for truth as you might put it I have found that there are things that are inherit in the faith and beliefs of Christianity and are facts that we all need to affirm and hold fast to. There are eight aspects or tenants of Christianity that I hold to; the Bible is the truth of God, God is real, Jesus Christ is our Lord and Savior, we all will live forever, the possibility of salvation, the necessity of baptism, the importance of communion, and Jesus’ return.

**The Bible is the true Word of God**

There are many passages that we read in the Bible that confirm this statement. Passages such as Isaiah 40:8, “The grass withers, the flower fades, But the word of our God stands forever.” (“New American Standard Bible 1995 (NASB95)” 2022) We live our lives and disciple others in the truth that is only found in scripture and was given to us by God.

Scripture References:

{Isaiah 40:8; Matthew 5:18; 24:35; Mark 12:36; John 14:26; 16:12-15; Acts 1:16; Romans 15:4; 1 Corinthians 2:12-13; 2 Timothy 3:14-16; Hebrews 4:12; 2 Peter 1:20-21}

**God is Real**

I believe in the one true God. The God of Israel who breathed life into all of us. I believe in the trinity; God the Father, Jesus Christ the Son, and the Holy Spirit. When John wrote in John 1:1, “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.” he established God’s existence prior to even creation.

Scripture References:

Genesis 1:1-2, 26-27; Psalms 90:2; Matthew 5:16,45; 6:1,4,8,9; 28:19; John 1:1; 4:24; 14:9,16-20; 2 Corinthians 13:14; James 1:17; 2 Peter 1:21

**Jesus Christ is Lord**

I believe that Jesus Christ is in fact God’s one and only son. He came to into the world with both a divine and human nature. He led and taught disciples to carry on His message and was crucified under Pontius Pilate for the perfect sacrifice for us all. After three days He physically rose from the dead and conquered death.

Scripture References:

Matthew 1:18; 1:22-23; 21:11; 23:36-42; Luke 1:26-28; 22:69; 23:1-46; 23:44-24:8; John 1:1-5; 1:14; 14:1-3; 19:19; 20:24-29; Acts 1:1-11; 10:39-42; Romans 5:15-17; 1 Corinthians 15:3-8; Colossians 2:9-10; 3:1; 1 Timothy 6:14-15; Hebrews. 4:14-15; 1 Peter 4:5;1 John 1:1

**Eternality of Mankind**

I believe that everyone whether secular or Christian will exist eternally either with God in Heaven or be eternally separated from God in hell.

Scripture References:

John 14:2-3, 6; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; 2 Thessalonians 1:6-10; Revelations. 20:11-15

**The Possibility of Salvation**

Salvation is not something that can be purchased or earned. It is available to anyone who accepts Jesus Christ our Lord as their personal Lord and Savior.

Scripture References:

John 3:16; Ephesians 2:8-9; Romans 10:9; Acts 4:12; Titus 3:5

**Baptism**

Baptism is something that is commanded by God. It is being united in death, burial, and resurrection to Jesus Christ. It is the faithful pledge of a believer and the physical act that needs to be taken after faith, repentance, and confession.

Scripture References:

Matthew 10:32, 26:28, 28:19-20; Mark 16:16; Luke 24:45-47; John 3:16; Acts 2:37-41, 4:12, 8:38, 22:16; Romans 5:1-2, 9-10, 6:1-7, 23 10:9-10; Ephesians 2:8-10; 1 John 1:7, 4:14; Philippians 2:11; Galatians 3:27; Colossians 2:12; 1 Peter 1:18-19, 3:21; 2 Peter 3:9

**The Lord’s Supper (Communion)**

I believe the Bible teaches us the importance of taking communion to remind us of the sacrifice Christ made for us all on the Cross.

Scripture References:

Matthew 26:26-28, Luke 22:17-20, Acts 2: 42, 20:7; 1 Corinthians 11:27-32

**The Return of Jesus Christ**

I believe that at a date and time unknown to mankind Jesus will return to cast His final judgment for those whose names are not cast in the Book of Life. And that the condemned will spend eternity in hell and those that have lived in Christ will spend eternity with God in heaven.

Scripture References:

2 Peter 3:13

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