

Video Script Chapter 2: Statement of Faith

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You've heard a little about Wycliffe Associates. Now I want to share with you the beliefs that have guided and continue to guide us as we serve God in the world.

- We believe that the Bible is the Word of God.
- The Bible changes lives and advances God's kingdom.
- We believe in the power of the Holy Spirit in the lives of believers.

Because we believe those things, we have the vision:

A Bible in Every Language.

And we have the mission:

Involving people in the advancement of Bible translation.

Video 2.2

WA seeks partners like you who share our core values and beliefs.

We're going to share our core beliefs with you. Later, we'll ask you to sign a simple statement of faith that clearly states the essential beliefs of the Christian faith as we understand them from Scripture.

Many Christians also have other, non-defining beliefs. These beliefs may be different from one church to another, but their core values are still the same. Though our secondary beliefs may be different, that doesn't keep us from working together.

The statement of faith provides us with agreement on what's most important. Our goal is not to cause division, but to build unity by focusing on these important beliefs. This is the foundation for working together.

Please look at page 5 in your Workbook and review the Statement of Faith with me.

1. The Bible is divinely inspired by God and has final authority.

This means that the Bible came directly from God, is completely true, and should be honored above any other source.

2. God is one and exists in three persons: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

This means that there is only one God, and He reveals Himself to us in three different roles: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

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3. Because of the fall of man, all humans are sinful and in need of salvation.

This means that everyone has done wrong, so we are all separated from God. There is nothing we can do on our own to earn eternal life, or Heaven.

4. The death of Christ is a substitute for sinners and provides for the cleansing of those who believe.

This means that Jesus died as punishment for everyone's sins. His death counts as a payment for us, so we can be forgiven.

5. By God's grace, through faith, man receives salvation as a free gift because of Jesus' death and resurrection.

This means that, because of Jesus's death, we can be forgiven. We cannot earn this, but we receive it by putting our faith in Jesus.

6. The resurrection of all -the saved to eternal life and the lost to eternal punishment.

This means that everyone will be brought back to life one day. Those who trust in Jesus will live with Him forever in Heaven, and those who do not will be punished forever.