

Chapter 2: Statement of Faith

Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful (Heb. 10:23).

YOUR NOTES:

Statement of Faith:

Beliefs that guide everything we do.

- **What do you think of when you hear the word *values*?**

Three Core Values:

- The Bible is the Word of God.
- The Bible changes lives.
- The Holy Spirit's power lives in every believer.

Wycliffe Associates vision:

A Bible in Every Language.

Wycliffe Associates mission:

Involving people in the advancement of Bible translation.

- **How do our vision and mission statement connect with our values?**

Statement of Faith

- A list of the core beliefs that a community agrees to.
- Our statement of faith should always come from _____, the Word of God.

At Wycliffe Associates, we believe:

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 Timothy 3:16

John 17:17

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.

Deuteronomy 6:4

John 10:30

1 Peter 1:10-11

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.

Romans 5:12

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.

1 John 2:2

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.

Romans 3:24-25a

YOUR NOTES:

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.

Acts 24:15b

Matthew 25:46

YOUR NOTES:

- **Why do we need to discuss this list of beliefs?**
- **Do you have any questions or concerns about this list?**

Review of Core Concepts:

- Our core values come from the Bible, and these core values determine our vision.
- We seek partners with the same beliefs, and have all translators sign an agreement to these beliefs.
- We focus on central, defining beliefs that unite Christians, and accept that secondary beliefs may differ without changing our core values.