

Statement of Faith  
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I believe in one triune God, in whom alone I put my trust.

I believe that God exists in three persons who are equally part of God's essence: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

**God the Father**

I believe God is the creator and ruler of the universe. I believe God makes everyone equally in his image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community.

I believe that as a finite human being I can never fully understand or comprehend just who and what God is. I cannot make God fit into my limited understanding.

**God the Son**

I believe and trust in Jesus Christ, fully human and fully God. I believe he became human through his miraculous conception through the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary.

I believe Jesus was crucified, died, and rose again for us and for our salvation. He suffered and gave his life for my sins and the sins of the world.

**God the Holy Spirit**

I believe in God the Holy Spirit, who justifies me by grace through faith, sets me free to accept myself and to love God and neighbors. I believe the Holy Spirit enables all believers to be part of the body of Christ, the church.

I believe the Holy Spirit helps us to understand God's Word and to live a life in relationship with God. Jesus tells us (John 14:26), "The Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things."

**God's Word**

I believe that Jesus Christ, the living Word of God, reveals God's nature to us and models a life of love and obedience.

I believe the Bible was written under the guidance of the Holy Spirit and is the inspired Word of God but should be approached with literary, cultural, and historical understanding.

I believe the scripture (John 3:16) that says, "For God so love the world that He gave his only Son so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life."