

Following By Faith

Statement of Faith

Bible

The Bible is the inspired, error-free, and complete Word of God (2 Timothy 3:16–17) as originally given. It was written through human authors under God’s guidance (2 Peter 1:20–21). It is our final authority for truth, revealing who God is and how we are to live (John 17:17).

God

There is one true and eternal God (Deuteronomy 6:4), who exists eternally in three distinct yet equal persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (2 Corinthians 13:14).

Father

God the Father is Spirit (John 4:24). He is all-knowing (1 John 3:20), ever-present (Jeremiah 23:23–24), and all-powerful (Jeremiah 32:17). He is just, slow to anger, full of love, holy, and unchanging (Exodus 34:6).

Son

God the Son, Jesus Christ, has existed eternally (John 14:7–10). He was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of a virgin. He is fully God and fully man (Philippians 2:5–8). He came to reveal the Father, lived a perfect life, and paid the price for the sins of humanity through His death on the cross. He was buried, rose from the dead (1 Corinthians 15:3–7), and ascended into heaven (Hebrews 10:12). Today He intercedes for us (Hebrews 7:25) and will one day return (Revelation 20:4–6).

Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit is a divine person who comes to live in every believer at the moment of salvation (Ephesians 1:13–14). He helps believers understand God’s truth, empowers them to live like Christ, and gives spiritual gifts to the church (John 14:26; Romans 8:26). He convicts the world concerning sin, righteousness, and judgment (John 16:8–14).

Man

God created mankind, male and female, in His image and likeness (Genesis 1:26–27). In the beginning, mankind was without sin, enjoyed a close relationship with God, and was given authority over creation (Genesis 1–2). Through disobedience, sin and death entered the world (Romans 5:12–14).

Salvation

Salvation is the free gift of God's grace, received solely through faith in Jesus Christ and not by human works (Ephesians 2:8–9).

Salvation occurs at the moment a person places faith in the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ (1 Corinthians 15:3–5). Through Christ's finished work, the believer is justified by His blood, regenerated, sealed, and renewed by the Holy Spirit (Titus 3:4–7; Ephesians 1:13–14).

By grace, the believer is brought into an eternal relationship as a child of God (John 1:12–13), a relationship that cannot be lost (John 10:27–29).

Future Events

God, in His time and way, will bring the world to its proper end (2 Peter 3:8–10). Jesus promised He will return personally, and His coming is the great hope of all believers (Acts 1:9–11).

Church

The Church is the body of Christ, with Jesus as its head (Ephesians 1:22–23). Universally, it consists of all who have placed their faith in Christ and are born of the Spirit (*Matthew 16:18*). Locally, it is a gathering of believers united in worship, encouragement, and witness (*Acts 2:41-47*). Its purpose is to glorify God through fulfilling the Great Commission by making disciples, baptizing, and training in love (*Matthew 28:18-20*).

Angels

Angels were created by God to worship Him, glorify Him, and carry out His purposes (Colossians 1:16). Faithful angels continue in this work, while Satan and other fallen angels rebelled against God (Revelation 20:2, 10).