

Crossland's Statement of Faith

What we believe God is the creator and ruler of the universe. He has eternally existed in three personalities: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. These three are co-equal and are one God.

Gen 1:1, 26-27, 3:2; Psalm 90:2; Matt 28:19; I Pet. 1:2; II Cor. 13:14

We believe Jesus Christ is eternal both past and present. He descended to earth through the virgin birth and is the Son of God. He is co-equal with the Father. Jesus lived a sinless human life and offered Himself as a perfect sacrifice for the sins of all people by dying on the cross. He arose from the dead after three days to demonstrate His power over sin and death. He ascended to Heaven's glory and will return again someday to earth to reign as King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

Matt. 1:22-23; Isaiah 9:6; John 1:1-5, 14:10-30; Heb 4:14-15;
I Cor. 15:3-4; Rom 1:3-4; Acts 1:9-11; I Tim. 6:14-15; Titus 2:13.

We believe The Holy Spirit is co-equal with the Father and the Son of God. He is present in the world to make men aware of their need for Jesus Christ. He also lives in every Christian from the moment of salvation. He provides the Christian with power for living, understanding of Spiritual truth, and guidance in doing what is right. He gives every believer a spiritual gift(s) when they are saved. As Christians, we seek to live under His control daily.

II Cor. 3:17; John 17:7-13, 14:16-17; Acts 1:8; I Cor. 2:12, 3:16; Eph. 1:13; Gal 5:25; Eph 5:18.

The Bible is God's Word to us. It was written by human authors, under the supernatural guidance of the Holy Spirit. It is the supreme source of truth for Christian belief and living. Because it is inspired by God, it is the truth without any mixture of error.

II Tim. 3:16-17; II Pet. 1:20-21; II Tim. 1:13; Psalm 119:1-5, 16-, 12:6; Prov. 30:5.

We believe human beings, beginning with Adam and Eve, were created in the spiritual image of God, to be like Him in character or spiritually alive. With the sin of Adam and Eve, came the curse of mankind to be spiritually dead, just as Romans 6:23 tells us. We have no hope in and of ourselves for salvation because to be saved is to become spiritually alive which can only be done through a re-birth.

Gen. 1:27, 3:6, 24; Psalm 8:3-6; Isaiah 53:6a; Rom 3:10-19, 23; Isaiah 59:1-2

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Salvation is God's free gift to us. He initiates a relationship with us through the convictions of our heart by the Holy Spirit. He draws us to Himself until we are at a point of surrendering our lives to Him as Lord. We can never make up for our sin by self-improvement or good works. Only by trusting in Jesus Christ as God's offer of forgiveness can anyone be saved from sin's penalty. When we turn from our self-ruled life and surrender to Him we are saved. Eternal life begins the moment one confesses Jesus to be Lord of their life and believes in their heart that God has raised Him up from death unto life.

*Rom. 6:23; Eph. 2:8-9; John 14:6, 1:12; Tit. 3:5; Gal. 3:26; Rom 5:1
Rom. 10:9*

We believe that all who are truly saved are fully and finally saved. We believe that the work of perseverance, assurance and guaranteed inheritance are the works of God not of man. A person who is truly saved by God will remain in the standing as a "child of God" for all eternity.

*John 10:29-30; II Tim. 1:12; Heb. 7:25, 10:10-14; I Pet. 1:3-5;
Rom. 8:38-39; Rom 11:29; Eph. 1:13-14.*

We believe Eternity is real. People were created to exist forever. We will either exist eternally separated from God by sin, or eternally with God through forgiveness and salvation. To be eternally separated from God is hell. To be eternally in union with Him is heaven. Heaven and Hell are real places of eternal existence.

John 3:16, 2:25, 5:11-13; Rom 6:23; Rev. 20:15; Matt. 1:8, 2:44-46

We believe the Creation story in Genesis 1 & 2. These chapters record the literal story of the creation of the world. Man was created directly in God's own image. It was not a matter of evolution.

Gen. 1,2; John 1:3; Heb 11:3; Rev. 10:8

It's our belief Christians are meant to live in harmony with other believers. It is clearly the teaching of the New Testament. It is the responsibility of each believer to endeavor to live in fellowship with each member of the congregation. It is further the responsibility of each member to bring all gossiping and backbiting to an end.

*John 13:34-35; Ephesians 4:1-3; 5:1-2; I Corinthians 12:13; 13:1-13; I John 3:14-18; 4:11;
James 3:1-18*