

Statement of Faith

WCS's Statement of Faith reflects commitment to the key theological truths (orthodoxy) and life application (orthopraxy) of a Biblical worldview. Possessing a Biblical worldview involves relating with God, others, and His creation in ways that are faithful to the historic Evangelical interpretation and application of Scripture.

Section One: The Godhead

We believe there is one God, sovereign creator of all, eternally existent in three persons-Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, equal in every divine perfection and executing distinct but harmonious offices in the great work of redemption (Genesis 1:1; Matthew 28:19; John 10:30; John 17:5 & 10; Acts 5:3-5; 1 Corinthians 2:10-11; 2 Corinthians 13-14).

Section Two: The Bible

We believe the Bible to be the inspired, the only infallible, authoritative, inerrant Word of God, the final and sufficient authority for faith, truth, and life (2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:21).

Section Three: The Deity and Person of Christ

We believe in the deity of Christ (John 1:1-2; John 10:33; Hebrews 1:8; 1 John 5:20), His virgin birth (Isaiah 7:14; Matthew 1:23; Luke 1:35); His sinless life (Hebrews 4: 15, 7:26); His miracles (John 2:11); His vicarious and atoning death (1 Corinthians 15:3; Ephesians 1:7; Hebrews 2:9); His bodily Resurrection (John 11:25; 1 Corinthians 15:4); His Ascension to the right hand of God (Mark 16:19); His personal return in power and glory (Acts 1:11; Revelation 19:11).

Section Four: Regeneration, Justification, and Salvation

We believe in the absolute necessity of regeneration by the Holy Spirit in salvation because of the exceeding sinfulness of human nature, and that men are justified on the single ground of faith in the shed blood of Christ, and that only by God's grace and through faith alone are we saved (John 3:16–19, 5:24; Romans 3:21-26, 5:8–9; Ephesians 2:8–10; Titus 3:5).

Section Five: The Holy Spirit

We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to grow in godliness (Romans 8:13–14; 1 Corinthians 3:16, 6:19–20; Galatians 5:22-24; Ephesians 4:30, 5:18).

Section Six: The Resurrection

We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost; they that are saved unto the resurrection of life, and they that are lost unto the resurrection of condemnation (John 5:28–29).

Section Seven: The Church

We believe in the spiritual unity of believers in our Lord Jesus Christ as evidenced in the local body of Christ; the church (Romans 8:9; 1 Corinthians 12:12–13; Galatians 3:26–28; Hebrews 10:22-25).

Section Eight: The Nature of Humanity

We believe that God created all human life, in all its conditions and stages from conception through natural death, in his image, having inherent value, dignity, and equality before him. We believe that God's good design was the creation of two distinct, equal, and complementary sexes, male and female, a distinction embedded in the very biology of the human race, not in one's self-perception (Genesis 1:26-28; Psalm 139:13-14; Matthew 19:4; Mark 10:6; Galatians. 3:28).

Section Nine: The Sanctity of Marriage

We believe that the term *marriage* has only one meaning: the uniting of one man and one woman in a single, exclusive union, as delineated in Scripture (Genesis 2:18–25; Matthew 19:4). We believe that God intends sexual intimacy to occur only between a man and a woman who are married to each other (1 Corinthians 6:18; 7:2–5; Hebrews 13:4). We believe that God's command is that there be no sexual intimacy outside of or apart from marriage between a man and a woman.