



# Statement of Faith

According to the Scriptures, we believe:

the Bible to be the inspired, infallible, and authoritative Word of God. It is the final authority on all matters on which it speaks (2 Timothy 3:16, 2 Peter 1:21, Psalm 119:160).

there is one true and perfect God, eternally existing in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit (Matthew 3:16-17, Matthew 28:19; 2 Corinthians 13:14).

Jesus is God (John 10:30), was born of a virgin (Matthew 1:23), lived a sinless life (Hebrews 4:15) and paid for our sins with His death on the cross and resurrection three days later (1 Corinthians 15:3-4), after which He ascended into Heaven where He sits at the right hand of God (Mark 16:19) and is the Advocate for all believers (1 John 2:1).

every human being is a sinner and therefore justly under God's condemnation (Romans 3:10, Romans 3:23-26, Romans 5:16). Salvation is by grace through faith, and therefore, anyone who believes in Jesus Christ alone for forgiveness of their sins (Acts 4:12, Ephesians 2:8-9, Romans 4:5) is by God's grace made new in Christ Jesus (2 Corinthians 5:17), and receives forgiveness of sins (Acts 10:43) and eternal life (John 3:16-18).

all humankind will be resurrected into eternal life with God for believers and into eternal punishment for those who reject Christ (John 3:15-18, John 5:24, John 5:28-29)

God created all human beings, male and female, in His image (Genesis 1:26-27). We believe in the spiritual unity and equality of all who believe in our Savior, Jesus Christ (Galatians 3:26-28).

the highest mission of all believers is to glorify God, to proclaim the Gospel to all and to teach new believers how to live in Christ (Matthew 28:19-20, 1 Corinthians 10:31, Ephesians 3:16-17).

Jesus will return once again to earth to consummate the eternal plan of God (1 Thessalonians 5:1-3, Acts 1:9-11, 1 Corinthians 15:12).

This statement of faith does not exhaust the extent of our beliefs. The Bible itself, as the inspired and infallible Word of God, speaks with final authority concerning truth, morality and proper conduct of humankind, and is the sole and final source of all that we believe. For purposes of Stonecroft's faith, doctrine, practice, polity and discipline, our Board of Directors is the organization's final interpretive authority on the Bible's meaning and application.