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# Statement of Faith

The Bible is God's unique revelation to people. It is the inspired Word of God and the supreme and final authority on all matters upon which it teaches. **2 Timothy 3:16-17; 2 Peter 1:20-21; Hebrews 4:12**

There is only one God, creator of heaven and earth, who exists eternally as three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, each fully God, yet each personally distinct from the other. **Genesis 1:1; Exodus 3:14; Matthew 28:19; 2 Corinthians 13:14; John 1:1-5; Matthew 3:13-17**

All people are created in God's image and matter deeply to Him. Central to the message of the Bible is that God loves people and invites them to live in communion with Him and in community with each other. **Acts 2:42-47; Hebrews 10:19-25**

Apart from Jesus Christ all people are spiritually lost, and because of sin deserve the judgment of God. However, God gives salvation and eternal life to anyone who trusts in Jesus Christ and in His sacrifice on his or her behalf. Salvation cannot be earned through personal goodness or human effort. It is a gift that must be received by humble repentance and faith in Christ and His finished work on the cross. **Romans 3:23; Romans 6:23; Romans 5:8; Romans 10:9; Romans 10:13; John 3:16-17**

Jesus Christ, second Person of the Trinity, was born of the Virgin Mary, lived a sinless human life, willingly took upon Himself all of our sins, died and rose again bodily, and is at the right hand of the Father as our advocate and mediator. Someday, He will return to consummate history and to fulfill the eternal plan of God. **Matthew 1:18-25; John 20; 1 John 2:1-2; 1 Corinthians 15:50-58**

The Holy Spirit, third Person of the Trinity, convicts the world of sin and draws people to Christ. He also indwells all believers. He is available to empower them to lead Christ-like lives and gives them spiritual gifts with which to serve the church and reach out to a lost and needy world. **John 16:5-15; Luke 24:45-49; Acts 1:8; 1 Corinthians 12; 1 Corinthians 13; Matthew 28:18-20**

Death seals the eternal destiny of each person. At the final judgment, unbelievers will be separated from God into condemnation. Believers will be received into God's loving presence and rewarded for their faithfulness to Him in this life. **Luke 16:19-31; Matthew 25:31-46; 2 Corinthians 5:1-10**

All believers are members of the body of Christ, the one true church. Spiritual unity is to be expressed among Christians by acceptance and love of one another across ethnic, cultural, socio-economic, national, generational, gender, and denominational lines. **Ephesians 4:1-6; John 17:20-23; Acts 15:1-35**

Mission Increase seeks to encourage and present this message through partnering with other ministries whose Missions are anchored in Biblical teachings, while creating a strengthened body of Christ, which will transform and make a difference through their "loving and Christ-like" actions in their local communities. Through our actions, teachings, and mutual beliefs in God, we will all invest our time, energy, and resources to fulfill God's mission for our lives, reaching others for an eternal relationship with God, while glorifying and building the Kingdom of God. **Romans 12:1-2; Galatians 2:20; Galatians 6:14; Philippians 1:3-11**