



## **Faith Statements of Word of Life**

### **We confess the common Christian faith as expressed in the Apostle's Creed:**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, one holy universal Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Amen.

### **Statements of faith**

1. The Bible is the word of God, breathed out by Him and His revealed truth. Its words are alive and active, the norm of doctrine and life, as well as the source of knowledge of God's will.
2. There is only one God, one trinity whose persons - the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit - are fully equal and eternal. Jesus Christ, the second person of the godhead, is God incarnated, true God and true man.
3. Man was created in God's image, as man and woman, to live a life of worship of loving fellowship with God and with his fellow man. Man was given a free will and was appointed by the Lord to rule over creation, to be responsible for, and steward it.
4. Man trespassed against God, fell in sin and was separated from her Maker. The only hope of mankind is reconciliation and restoration through Jesus Christ, the Son of God.



## WORD OF LIFE INTERNATIONAL

On the cross Jesus Christ bore the sin of man. Through His shed blood, His death and resurrection on the third day, Christ reconciled man to God, conquered death and the devil, and won salvation for all humanity.

This salvation becomes a personal reality, when after hearing the gospel, a person repents from sin, confesses with his/her mouth that Jesus is the Lord and believes in his/her heart that God has raised Him from the dead. Salvation is given by grace through faith, not by works. Our works are expressions of our faith.

Through receiving salvation man becomes a child of God and a part of His family. This is confirmed by the Spirits' inner testimony. That same Spirit calls us to be formed into the image of Christ through a life of commitment, holiness and love.

5. Baptism in water on Christ's command means that a believer is buried with Christ through baptism into death to sin, and is raised and united with Him to walk in a new life.

6. The Lord's supper is instituted by Jesus and is the meal of the new covenant between God and man. The celebration of the Lord's supper, by eating the bread and drinking the wine, is done in memory of Jesus, and is a partaking of His body and blood.

7. All believers can and should wholeheartedly seek the baptism of the Holy Spirit in accordance with the promise of God. This experience is separated from, and follows, the new birth. The baptism of the Spirit infuses spiritual power for our life and our service of the Lord, and an outward sign of it is the speaking of new tongues.

8. The church, local and universal, is the body of Christ and the family of God. It is built by Jesus, its head, and is bought with His blood. It is the pillar and foundation of the truth, and a spiritual home for all believers. The church is instrumental in the building of God's kingdom on earth, and the gates of death cannot prevail against it.

9. Jesus shows us, through His life and His completed work on the cross, that God wants to bring salvation to man, spirit, soul and body, and touch every area of human life with His power, kindness, and mercy. By faith, He invites everyone to seek and live in the victory and the blessing of His reconciliation. However, the full and complete restoration of man will happen in the coming glory.



10. Jesus will one day come back to finalize the promises of the Messianic kingdom, when He will rule on earth for a thousand years. After this, all will be judged. Those who have received the gift of salvation by faith in Christ are judged to eternal life with the Lord, and those who did not believe are judged to eternal destruction, forever separated from him. After this, there will be new heavens and a new earth where righteousness lives.

(Nicene creed)

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