

# Statement of Faith



## Section 1. The Bible

We believe the entire Bible is the inspired Word of God. Men controlled by the Spirit of God wrote the words of Scripture, and God breathed life into His words. Therefore, the Bible is without error and is the means of understanding God's life-giving truth. It is the final authority for matters of faith and practice.

John 17:17 | 2 Timothy 3:16-17 | 2 Peter 1:20-21 | Hebrews 4:12

## Section 2. The Godhead

God co-exists in three distinct persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. This is also called the Triune God, or the Trinity. The Trinity is awesome and incomprehensible with finite mind; man-made illustrations ultimately fail in trying to fully explain the three persons of the Godhead. The Triune God is always at work and co-exists as these three distinct persons. This reality is recorded throughout Scripture.

Acts 17:29 | John 1 | John 5:15-17 | Romans 1:20 | Colossians 2:9 | Matthew 28:19-20 | 1 John 5:6-7



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### Section 3. God the Father

God is the first person in the Trinity. God is great: He is all powerful, all knowing, ever present, unchanging, completely worthy of our trust, and above all, holy. It is in Him that we live, move and exist. God is good: He is our Father. He is loving, compassionate, and faithful to His people and His promises.

Exodus 3:14 | Numbers 23:19 | Leviticus 11:44-45, 19:2 | Psalm 111:4-6 | Malachi 3:6 | John 3:16, 4:24, 5:26, 14:1 | Acts 17:28 | Romans 3:3-4

### Section 4. God the Son

Jesus is the second person in the Trinity. Jesus Christ is completely human, but at the same time, completely God. He lived a perfect life, so that He could be a substitution for us in satisfying God's demands for perfection. He defeated death in His resurrection so that we could have life. Faith in His life, death, and resurrection is the only way to bring people who are enemies of God into a right relationship with God.

Isaiah 7:14, 53 | Matthew 1:18-23, 3:17, 8:29, 14:33, 16:16, 28:5-6 | Luke 22:70 | John 1:1-14, 10:30, 11:25-27, 17:1-5 | Acts 1:9, 2:22-24, 7:55-56 | Romans 1:3-4, 3:23-26, 8:1-3, 10:4 | 1 Corinthians 8:6 | 2 Corinthians 5:19-21 | Galatians 4:4-5 | Philippians 2:5-11 | Colossians 1:15, 2:9 | 1 Timothy 2:5-6, 3:16





## Section 5. God the Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit is the third person in the Trinity. He inspired holy men of old to write the Scriptures. He was sent upon saints in the Old Testament on an assignment basis, to better enable prophets or leaders of Israel to lead God's people. He does the work of God, exalts Jesus, and empowers the people of God to do His will. The Holy Spirit indwells believers at the moment of salvation, sealing them, regenerating them, providing gifts for ministry and mission, and becoming a guide to help us trust and follow Christ and understand Scriptural truth.

Matthew 4:1, 28:19 | 2 Corinthians 3:16-18, 13:14 |  
Ephesians 4:4-6,30 | Romans 8:9,11,16,26,27, 15:30 | John  
6:63, 14:26 | Isaiah 63:10 | Acts 2:4, 5:32, 7:51, 20:28, 28:25-  
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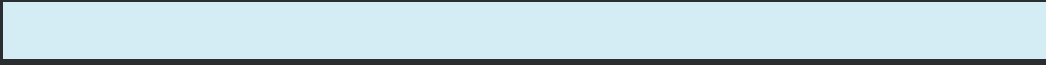
## Section 6. Mankind

Mankind was created in the image of God to have fellowship with Him, but became alienated from that relationship through sinful disobedience. As a result of man's original sin (or disobedience), every human is born with a sin nature and is under the condemnation of God. Man is not capable of coming back into a right relationship with God by his own effort.

Genesis 1:26, 3:1-6 | Romans 3:19; 5:12, 3:23 |  
Ephesians 2:8-9







## Section 7. Salvation

We believe that the shed blood of Jesus Christ on the cross provides the sole basis for the forgiveness of sins. Salvation is offered freely by the grace of God to be received by those who put their faith in Jesus Christ's death, burial and resurrection.

1 Peter 1:18-19 | Ephesians 2:8-9 | Romans 10:9-10



## Section 8. The Christian Life (Light)

We believe that every Christian should live for Christ and not for himself. Christ came not just to provide salvation, but also transformation in our lives. By obedience to God's Word and daily yielding to the Holy Spirit, every believer will mature and start to think and act like Jesus. Also, we believe in the worship leadership of all believers, that through the Spirit in us, we all worship God daily in Spirit and in truth. This life of supernatural love and truth is alien and uncommon, making Christians an intriguing light to those in darkness. This intrigue is advantageous to God's mission.

Galatians 2:20 | Psalm 119:9-10, 1 | Romans 13:10-14 | Corinthians 2:6-16 | John 4:23-24 | Matthew 5:15-16 | Peter 1:13-15 | 1 Peter 1





## Section 9. The Church

We believe that the Church is a living spiritual body of which Jesus Christ is the Head. The members are those who have trusted by faith in the finished work of Jesus; they are His redeemed Bride. The purpose of the Church is to glorify God by loving Him and by spreading God's fame and Gospel to a lost world.

Ephesians 3:6-7; 4:15-16 | Corinthians 12:12-13 | Acts 1:8

## Section 10. Eternity

Man was created as an eternal being. He will either exist eternally separated from God by sin, or in union with God through forgiveness and salvation. Heaven and Hell are literal places of eternal existence. To be eternally separated from God is Hell. To be eternally in union with Him is Heaven.

1 John 2:25, 5:11-13 | John 3:16, 36 | Romans 6:23 | Revelation 20:15

## Section 11. Final Authority

The statement of faith does not exhaust the extent of our beliefs. The Bible itself, as the inspired and infallible Word of God that speaks with final authority concerning truth, morality, and the proper conduct of mankind, is the sole and final source of all that we believe. For purposes of Church at Denver's faith, doctrine, practice, policy, and discipline, our board of elders has final interpretive authority on the Bible's meaning and application.