

What is a Statement of Faith?

A Statement of Faith makes it clear to potential members what is most important to GRACE, and what GRACE's values are, which allows them to make an informed decision on whether GRACE is the right co-op for their family.

GRACE'S Statement of Faith

The Bible is the only complete, inspired, and infallible Word of God:

- ❖ 2 Timothy 3:16 – All scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.
- ❖ Revelation 22:18-19 – I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: If anyone adds anything to them, God will add to him the plagues described in this book. And if anyone takes words away from this book of prophecy, God will take away from him his share in the tree of life and in the holy city, which are described in this book.

There is one true and living God who exists for all eternity in the three persons of the Trinity – the Father, His Son Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit:

- ❖ Ecclesiastes 3:10-11 – I have seen the burden God has laid on men. He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the hearts of men; yet they cannot fathom what God has done from the beginning to end.
- ❖ Matthew 3:16-17 – As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment Heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and lighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased."

Jesus Christ was born of a virgin, died on the cross, rose bodily from the dead, ascended into heaven, and will return to earth:

- ❖ Matthew 1:20-21 – But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus because he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: "The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son and they will call him Immanuel", which means, "God with us."
- ❖ Mark 15:22, 25, 37 – They brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means The Place of the Skull). It was the third hour when they crucified him. With a loud cry, Jesus breathed his last.
- ❖ Mark 16:5-6 – As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed. "Don't be alarmed," he said. "You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him."
- ❖ Acts 1:11 – "Men of Galilee," they said, "Why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven."

All people are sinners in need of salvation and eternal life through belief in Jesus Christ, God's only Son:

- ❖ Romans 3:23 – For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.
- ❖ John 3:16-17 – For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whosoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.
- ❖ 1 John 4:14-15 – And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in him and him in God. And so we know and rely on the love God has for us.