



Statement of Faith

Why do we need a Statement of Faith?

We live in a rapidly changing society and culture, where churches and individuals are constantly being faced with issues that challenge their biblical understanding and convictions. In the middle of these changes and challenges, some might tend to take a weaker position on some important biblical issues for the sake of pleasing others or protect their passions or privileges. Paul himself experienced the same challenge and addressed it in 2 Corinthians 4:1-2, where he encouraged the church not to lose heart and not to practice any “cunning or to tamper with God’s word,” but to stand firm in faith with an “open statement of the truth.” Having a clear Statement of Faith will always help the church to stand firm in their faith and biblical principles, not matter what challenges they face.

Saying that there is no Statement of Faith that can replace the inspired, authoritative and sufficient Word of God. Any statement of faith serves three primary purposes. First, it serves as a summary of the main doctrinal beliefs that shape the theology of the church. Second, it binds the church in one clear covenantal unity. Third, it protects the church from any subjective interpretation of the Scripture.

How did Mission Quest develop its Statement of Faith?

Mission Quest created its Statement of Faith based on four biblical and widely accepted statements of faith. Those are The Desiring God Affirmation of Faith 2004 (DGAF); 1689 London Baptist Confession of Faith (1689 LBC); The Gospel Coalition Confessional Statement (GCCS) and Baptist Faith and Message 2000 (BF&M 2000). Our goal from this Statement of Faith is to ensure that all our missionaries affirm the basic biblical truths that should drive all Christians from all denominations. All Mission Quest's missionaries, staff, and volunteers are required to sign a copy affirming that they believe in all the articles of this Statement of Faith and will not live or teach anything that contradicts it.

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1. **God**

We believe in one God, eternally existing in three equally divine Persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, who know, love, and glorify one another. This one true and living God is infinitely perfect both in his love and in his holiness. He is the Creator of all things, visible and invisible, and is therefore worthy to receive all glory and adoration. Immortal and eternal, he perfectly and exhaustively knows the end from the beginning, sustains

and sovereignly rules over all things, and providentially brings about his eternal good purposes to redeem a people for himself and restore his fallen creation, to the praise of his glorious grace. (GCCS) ([1 Corinthians 8:4, 6](#); [Deuteronomy 6:4](#); [Jeremiah 10:10](#); [Isaiah 48:12](#); [Exodus 3:14](#); [John 4:24](#); [1 Timothy 1:17](#); [Deuteronomy 4:15, 16](#); [Malachi 3:6](#); [1 Kings 8:27](#); [Jeremiah 23:23](#); [Psalms 90:2](#); [Genesis 17:1](#); [Isaiah 6:3](#); [Psalms 115:3](#); [Isaiah 46:10](#); [Proverbs 16:4](#); [Romans 11:36](#); [Exodus 34:6, 7](#); [Hebrews 11:6](#); [Nehemiah 9:32, 33](#); [Psalms 5:5, 6](#); [Exodus 34:7](#); [Nahum 1:2, 3](#))

2. The Bible

We believe that the Bible, consisting of the sixty-six books of the Old and New Testaments, is the infallible Word of God, verbally inspired by God, and without error in the original manuscripts. We believe that God's intentions, revealed in the Bible, are the supreme and final authority in testing all claims about what is true and what is right. In matters not addressed by the Bible, what is true and right is assessed by criteria consistent with the teachings of Scripture. (DGAF) ([2 Timothy 3:15-17](#); [Isaiah 8:20](#); [Luke 16:29, 31](#); [Ephesians 2:20](#); [Romans 1:19-21](#); [Romans 2:14,15](#); [Psalms 19:1- 3](#); [Hebrews 1:1](#); [Proverbs 22:19-21](#); [Romans 15:4](#); [2 Peter 1:19,20](#))

3. Creation

In the beginning it pleased God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, for the manifestation of the glory of his eternal power, wisdom, and goodness, to create or make the world, and all things therein, whether visible or invisible, in the space of six days, and all very good. (1689 LBC) ([John 1:2, 3](#); [Hebrews 1:2](#); [Job 26:13](#); [Romans 1:20](#); [Colossians 1:16](#); [Genesis 1:31](#); [Genesis 1:27](#); [Genesis 2:7](#); [Ecclesiastes 7:29](#); [Genesis 1:26](#); [Romans](#)

2:14, 15; Genesis 3:6)

4. Fall

We believe that, although God created man morally upright, he was led astray from God's Word and wisdom by the subtlety of Satan's deceit, and chose to take what was forbidden, and thus declare his independence from, distrust for, and disobedience toward his all-good and gracious Creator. Thus, our first parents, by this sin, fell from their original innocence and communion with God. (DGAF) ([Genesis 2:16, 17](#); [Genesis 3:12,13](#); [2 Corinthians 11:3](#); [Romans 3:23](#); [Romans 5:12](#), [Titus 1:15](#); [Genesis 6:5](#); [Jeremiah 17:9](#); [Romans 3:10-19](#))

5. Jesus Christ

We believe that in the fullness of time God sent forth His eternal Son as Jesus the Messiah, conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary. We believe that, when the eternal Son became flesh, He took on a fully human nature, so that two whole, perfect, and distinct natures were inseparably joined together in one Person, without confusion or mixture. Thus the Person, Jesus Christ, was and is truly God and truly man, yet one Christ and the only Mediator between God and man. (DGAF) ([Isaiah 42:1](#); [1 Peter 1:19, 20](#); [Acts 3:22](#); [Hebrews 5:5, 6](#); [Psalms 2:6](#); [Luke 1:33](#); [Ephesians 1:22, 23](#); [Hebrews 1:2](#); [Acts 17:31](#); [Isaiah 53:10](#); [John 17:6](#); [Romans 8:30](#); [Psalms 45:7](#); [Acts 10:38](#); [John 3:34](#); [Colossians 2:3](#); [Colossians 1:19](#); [Hebrews 7:26](#); [John 1:14](#); [Hebrews 7:22](#); [Hebrews 5:5](#); [John 5:22, 27](#); [Matthew 28:18](#); [Acts 2:36](#))

6. Salvation

Salvation involves the redemption of the whole man, and is offered freely to all who accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour, who by His own blood obtained eternal redemption for the believer. In its broadest sense salvation includes regeneration, justification, sanctification, and glorification. There is no salvation apart from personal faith in Jesus Christ as Lord. (BF&M 2000) ([Acts 4:12](#); [Romans 10:14-17](#); [1 Pet 1:10-12](#); [Rom 10:17](#); [2 Corinthians 5:17-21](#); [Rom 3:5-8, 21-26](#))

7. Evangelism and Missions

It is the duty and privilege of every follower of Christ and of every church of the Lord Jesus Christ to endeavor to make disciples of all nations. The new birth of man's spirit by God's Holy Spirit means the birth of love for others. Missionary effort on the part of all rests thus upon a spiritual necessity of the regenerate life, and is expressly and repeatedly commanded in the teachings of Christ. The Lord Jesus Christ has commanded the preaching of the gospel to all nations. It is the duty of every child of God to seek constantly to win the lost to Christ by verbal witness undergirded by a Christian lifestyle, and by other methods in harmony with the gospel of Christ. (BF&M 200) ([1 Chronicles 16:24](#); [Matthew 28:18-9](#); [Acts 1:8](#); [Acts 13:47](#); [Romans 10:13-14](#); [Matthew 24:14](#); [Rev 14:6](#))

8. Death, Resurrection, and the Coming of the Lord

We believe that when Christians die they are made perfect in holiness, are received into paradise, and are taken consciously into the presence of Christ, which is more glorious and more satisfying than any experience on earth. We believe in the blessed hope that at the end of the age Jesus

Christ will return to this earth personally, visibly, physically, and suddenly in power and great glory; and that He will gather His elect, raise the dead, judge the nations, and establish His kingdom. We believe that the righteous will enter into the everlasting joy of their Master, and those who suppressed the truth in unrighteousness will be consigned to everlasting conscious misery. We believe that the end of all things in this age will be the beginning of a never-ending, ever-increasing happiness in the hearts of the redeemed, as God displays more and more of His infinite and inexhaustible greatness and glory for the enjoyment of His people. (DGAF) (Genesis 3:19; Acts 13:36; Ecclesiastes 12:7; Luke 23:43; 2 Corinthians 5:1, 6,8; Philippians 1:23; Hebrews 12:23; Jude 6, 7; 1 Peter 3:19; Luke 16:23, 24; 1 Corinthians 15:51, 52; 1 Thessalonians 4:17; Job 19:26, 27; 1 Corinthians 15:42, 43; Acts 24:15; John 5:28, 29; Philippians 3:21; Acts 17:31; John 5:22, 27; 1 Corinthians 6:3; Jude 6; 2 Corinthians 5:10; Ecclesiastes 12:14; Matthew 12:36; Romans 14:10, 12; Matthew 25:32-46; 2 Corinthians 5:10, 11; 2 Thessalonians 1:5-7; Mark 13:35-37; Luke 12:35-40; Revelation 22:20)

9. Marriage

We believe that God has ordained marriage to exist as a permanent, exclusive, comprehensive, and conjugal union between one man and one woman with absolute marital fidelity. And that any sexual acts outside the biblical definition of marriage are prohibited and sinful, including but not limited to adultery and same-sex relationships. (Genesis 2:24; Leviticus 18:22; Matthew 19:4-6; Romans 1:26-27; 1 Corinthians 6:9; 1 Corinthians 7:2-16; Ephesians 5:23-33)