

FACET STATEMENT OF FAITH

FACET holds the following statements of Christian belief to be the foundation upon which we operate:

1. We believe that the Scriptures, both Old and New Testaments, are the Word of God; they are inerrant in the original writings, and they are of supreme and final authority in faith and practice. (Luke 24:27, 44; 2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:21; 2 Peter 3:15b - 16).
2. We believe there is one true God, eternally existing in three distinct Persons known as the Trinity: the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. All three persons of God have exactly the same nature, attributes and perfection, never contradict one another, and are worthy of our worship and obedience. (Genesis 1:26, Deuteronomy 6:4, 1 Chronicles 29:11, Matthew 3:16 - 17, 28:18-19, Mark 12:29, John 1:14, Hebrews 1:1 - 3, I Peter 1:2 - 3)
3. We believe in the deity of Jesus Christ, who is the second person of the Trinity, and that He possesses all the attributes of the Father. He is the only son of God. He was born of the virgin Mary, and He is God incarnate (both God and man). After his crucifixion, bodily resurrection, and ascension, He returned to heaven where He is the only Mediator between God and man. He will return in glory to establish His everlasting kingdom. (Matthew 24:30-31, Luke 1:34-35, John 1:1-2, John 1:18, Acts 1:11, 1 Corinthians 15, Hebrews 1:1-3, 1 Timothy 2:5, Revelation 1:15)
4. We believe the Holy Spirit, the third member of the Trinity, who possesses all the attributes of the Father and the Son. The Holy Spirit indwells, seals, instructs, convicts, and empowers all believers for spiritual service. (Ephesians 1:13-14, Romans 8:26, John 14:26, John 16:8-11) We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit who gives believers spiritual gifts for the purpose of equipping and building up of the body of Christ. (1 Peter 4:10-11, 1 Corinthians 12)
5. We believe God personally created the heavens and the earth and specifically made man in His image and likeness. However, because man disobeyed God, he brought sin (total depravity) and its condemnation upon the whole human race and creation itself. Thus, we believe that every human being is born sinful by nature, separated from God, and that regeneration by the Holy Spirit an absolute necessity for his salvation through Christ. (Genesis 1:1, Genesis 1:26, Genesis 3:19-19, Genesis 5:1-2, Jeremiah 17:9, Mark 7:20-23, Romans 1:24-32, Romans 3:10-23, Romans 6:23)
6. We believe that all who place their faith in Jesus Christ are placed by the Holy Spirit into the spiritual body of believers known as the church with Christ as the head. Genuine salvation will show itself by righteous attitudes and edifying conduct as a believer submits himself or herself to the control of the Holy Spirit. We believe that eternal life (salvation) is a free gift of grace for all who believe and is based on the finished work of Jesus Christ on the cross alone. (Matthew 5:16, John 3:16-19, John 19:30, Acts 26:20, 2 Corinthians 5:18-19, Ephesians 1:7, Ephesians 2:8-9, Titus 3:5-6, James 3:13, 1 Peter 2:11-12, 1 John 2:2)
7. We believe in the bodily resurrection of the saved and the lost, the saved to eternal life and the lost to eternal punishment. (John 5:28-29, Revelation 20:11-15, Revelation 21)

FACET MARRIAGE, SEXUALITY AND GENDER STATEMENT

Because God's Word is the supreme and final authority in faith and practice, FACET upholds the biblical definition of marriage as the union between one man and one woman (Genesis 2:18-25, Matthew 19:4-6) and that sexual intimacy is to occur between a man and a woman bound in marriage (1 Corinthians 6:18; 1 Corinthians 7:2-6, Hebrews 13:4).

FACET also upholds the biblical definition of gender as one's biological sex at birth, created either male or female in the image of God (Genesis 1:26-27)