

## STATEMENT OF FAITH

- 1. We believe the Bible alone (the 66 books of the Old and New Testament) to be the inspired, authoritative word of God, without error in the original manuscripts.
- 2. We believe that there is one God, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
- 3. We believe in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious and atoning death through His shed blood, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and in His personal return in power and glory.
- 4. We believe that all human beings are lost and sinful by nature. For their salvation, regeneration by the Holy Spirit and (for all who have the mental capacity) personal faith in Jesus Christ are absolutely essential. Justification is by faith alone, in Christ alone, and is not based on any human works or doctrine.
- 5. We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a godly life.
- 6. We believe in the spiritual unity of believers in our Lord Jesus Christ. The true Church is the body of Christ of which He is the head.
- 7. We believe in the resurrection of the saved unto eternal life and the lost unto eternal condemnation.



## **Understanding the NAE Statement of Faith**

(NAE=National Association of Evangelicals)

**Purpose:** To enable any reader, of any or no denominational background, to understand what we believe. Scripture references are provided as an aid to deeper understanding.

II Timothy 3:16

We believe God revealed Himself in the Bible, both Old and New Testaments. He inspired human beings to write His Words, and those Writings (the Bible, the 66 books of the Old and New Testament) are the only authority for what we believe (our faith) and for how we live (our morality).

John 1:1-3 John 3:34-35 John 14:26 We believe in one God, the creator of heaven and earth. We believe He always was and always will be. We believe He exists in three divine persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Luke 1:26-38 Matthew 22:36-40 Deuteronomy 6:4-9 John 15:12 We believe the Son of God became a man and was born on earth of Mary, a virgin. He had no human father, but was conceived through the power of the Holy Spirit. The Son of God, Jesus Christ, is fully God and fully man. He lived on earth and taught us about God's powerful love for us, and about the need for us to turn from our sins, to love God and one another.

John 3:16-18 John 19 Romans 5:8-11 We believe Jesus died on a cross for us, and that the only way to Heaven is through believing in Him. Because Jesus shed His Blood for us, we are justified before God and are able to spend eternity with Him in Heaven. In addition, His Word calls us to live this life as He taught us.

John 20:1-10 Mark 16:19 We believe that after being killed by men, He rose bodily from the dead to live again. After another brief period on earth, He ascended bodily to Heaven where He remains to this day with His Father. We believe at an unknown time in the future, He will return to Earth. On this return His power and glory will be recognized by everyone. He will judge all people who have ever lived, separating the good from the evil and rewarding them with Heaven or Hell, where they will stay forever.

Matthew 25:31-46

We believe that every human person must make Jesus the center, the standard, the reference point of his/her daily life. Each person must have his/her own awareness that his/her life is changed because of Jesus Christ, who is Lord and Savior, and not by any works or personal performance. By an act of our faith, we must turn our lives over to Godwho forgives us, cares for us, and loves us more than we can understand. By the free gift of His grace, He enables us to come to Him through the power of the Holy Spirit, but we must ask Him.

John 14:6 John 17:26 Ephesians 2:4-10 I John 4:9-12