



HEADWATERS  
*Church*

# Statement of Faith

[headwaterschurch.org](http://headwaterschurch.org)





# HEADWATERS *Church*

## **Statement of Faith**

Our Beliefs About The Bible	1
Our Beliefs About God	3
Our Beliefs About Jesus Christ	4
Our Beliefs About The Holy Spirit	6
Our Beliefs About Man	7
Our Beliefs About Salvation	9
Our Beliefs About The Local Church	11
Our Beliefs About The End Times	13



## OUR BELIEFS ABOUT THE BIBLE

We believe that the Bible is true and without error in all of its words and teachings, and that God communicated about Himself through His word, the Bible.

### *Statements of Belief:*

1. We believe that the Bible, as originally written, is without error in all that it claims, asserts, and teaches.  
*1. Psalm 12:6  
Psalm 119:89; 160  
Isaiah 40:8  
John 17:17*
2. We believe that the Bible (the collection of 66 books from Genesis to Revelation) is the inspired communication from God to the world and to individuals. This communication was given through human authors in their historical context as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.  
*2. 2 Timothy 3:16  
2 Peter 1:16-21  
Hebrews 1:1-2*
3. We believe that the Bible does not merely “contain” the words of God, but that it is, in fact, the very words of God.  
*3. Psalm 19:7-9  
2 Peter 1:19-21*
4. We believe the Bible to be the standard by which all conduct, creed and opinion shall be judged. It teaches an accurate view of God, an accurate view of life in general, and an accurate view of the lives of individuals.  
*4. Psalms 105, 119  
2 Timothy 3:17*

### *Response of the Believer:*

5. The Believer ought to make a regular practice of spending time reading and studying the Bible with the goal of knowing the God who communicated and what He desires from the Believer’s life.
6. The Believer ought to be involved in meditating on portions of the Bible, knowing that this is one of the means that God has put in place to allow spiritual growth in the lives of His people.
7. The Believer ought to seek out opportunities to study and read the Bible with other Believers, to share insights he is learning in his private study, and to respond to the insights of others.

*(continued on next page)*



*Response of Headwaters Church:*

8. The Church ought to make opportunities available to all Believers to come together to learn more about the Bible so that they might be taught, corrected, reprovved and trained in righteousness.
9. The Church ought to make it a high priority to assure that its teaching is accurate, precise and true to the Bible.
10. The Church ought to teach the Believer how to best study and understand what God has communicated.



## OUR BELIEFS ABOUT GOD

We believe in the one, true God eternally existing in three persons: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

### *Statements of Belief:*

1. We believe in God who has always existed and always will exist, unchanging, completely self-sufficient and without any external needs.  
*1. Job 38:1 - 40:2  
Psalm 10:2-27  
Hebrews 1:10-12; 13:8*
2. We believe that there is one God, but that He exists in three different persons. The three persons function in different ways, complete different tasks, and relate to one another as individuals.  
*2. John 14:8-20, 26  
John 15:21-27  
John 16:13-15  
John 17:1-26*
3. We believe that God created everything that exists and holds together all that exists by the exertion of His will. We believe that this created order reveals significant things about God, telling of His glory, His invisible power, and His divine attributes.  
*3. Genesis 1:1  
Colossians 1:16-17  
Romans 1:20*
4. We believe the biblical account of the creation of the physical universe, angels, and man. This account is neither allegory nor myth, but a literal, historical account of the direct, immediate, creative acts of God.  
*4. Genesis 1-2*

### *Response of the Believer:*

5. The Believer ought to acknowledge God's wonderful works of creation and try to understand more about Him as he enjoys them.
6. The Believer ought to seek to praise and adore God for His personal greatness.

### *Response of Headwaters Church:*

7. The Church ought to teach and demonstrate appreciation to God for His creation, glorifying Him as the architect and sustainer of everything that is.
8. The Church ought to lead its people in corporate adoration and worship on a weekly basis.



## OUR BELIEFS ABOUT JESUS CHRIST

We believe that Jesus Christ, the Eternal Son of God, became man without ceasing to be God. We further believe that by His death, burial, and resurrection He accomplishes the will of the Father bringing salvation to all who will believe in Him.

### *Statements of Belief:*

1. Jesus was not a myth or a story made up to illustrate spiritual truth, but was a real person, born of a virgin, lived on this earth and was crucified as a man.  
*1. Luke 1:1-4; 2:5-17  
Matthew 1:18-23  
Matthew 27:27-66  
Isaiah 7:14*
2. We believe that Jesus, being fully God and fully man, was able to, and did, live a perfect, sinless life; therefore, making His death the sufficient payment for all of mankind's sin.  
*2. Philippians 2:6-8  
Hebrews 4:15  
1 John 2:1-2*
3. We believe that as Jesus died on the cross, the Father placed the fullness of His wrath and judgment toward sin on Him, and that Jesus redeemed us by His sacrifice and the shedding of His blood.  
*3. Isaiah 53:6, 10-11  
Romans 5:8-9  
Colossians 2:13-14  
1 Peter 1:18-19*
4. We believe that Jesus was raised from the dead after three days in order to fulfill the words that He had spoken. The punishment having been borne, Christ returned to the Father where He serves to make intercession on behalf of His people.  
*4. Matthew 20:18-19  
Luke 24:5-7  
Hebrews 7:25  
Hebrews 9:24-25  
1 Corinthians 15:1-58*
5. We believe that Jesus will return from heaven to claim His redeemed ones and bring them to glorification.  
*5. Hebrews 9:27-28  
John 14:1-3  
Philippians 3:20-21  
Romans 8:29-30*
6. We believe that the only divinely inspired record of the events of Jesus' life, including His death on a cross, is contained in the Bible. The Bible teaches that this death was necessary for the salvation of any man to take place.  
*6. Romans 5:6-21*



## *Response of the Believer:*

7. The Believer ought to show the utmost gratitude toward the Savior who was willing to die in his place, knowing that it wasn't because of any specific act in the life of the Believer, but rather because of the love of God.
8. The Believer ought to pursue an ever-deepening relationship with Christ. God, being a personal God, delights in communication, love, affection, worship, and adoration from His people.

## *Response of Headwaters Church:*

9. The Church ought to demonstrate and teach about the relational elements of the Christian life. The Church should emphasize loving Christ and learning about the righteousness that comes from a relationship with Him.
10. The Church ought to provide opportunities for the Believer to express love and adoration for God. This relationship is meant to be talked about, expressed, and enjoyed with others.
11. The Church ought to teach and defend the historicity of the events of Jesus' life. As much as these were spiritual events, they were also historical events that happened in real space and time.



## OUR BELIEFS ABOUT THE HOLY SPIRIT

We believe that the Holy Spirit is a divine person and is equal with God the Father and God the Son, being of the same nature. We further believe the Spirit uses a variety of means to point the world toward Christ.

### *Statements of Belief:*

1. We believe that the Holy Spirit has been sent to this world to convict the world of sin and righteousness. 1. [John 16:8-11](#)
2. We believe that the Holy Spirit is the agent of the new birth in every Believer's life. 2. [Titus 3:3-7](#)
3. We believe that the Holy Spirit is active in the Believer's life in a variety of ways including indwelling, sealing, guiding, filling, baptizing, interceding, and gifting. 3. [Galatians 5:18](#)  
[John 16:13](#)  
[1 Corinthians 12:13](#)  
[Ephesians 1:13](#)  
[Romans 8:11](#)
4. We believe that it is through the daily work of the Holy Spirit that each Believer follows in obedience the will of God. 4. [Galatians 5:16](#)  
[1 John 2:27](#)

### *Response of the Believer:*

5. The Believer ought to acknowledge personal dependence upon the Spirit in everyday life.
6. The Believer ought to walk by the Spirit in obedience to God's revealed will in His Word.
7. The Believer ought to use the giftedness of the Spirit in order to strengthen fellow Believers.

### *Response of Headwaters Church:*

8. The Church ought to thoroughly instruct its members in the various ministries of the Holy Spirit.
9. The Church ought to seek spiritually gifted and spiritually led people to serve in the ministries of the Church.



## OUR BELIEFS ABOUT MAN

We believe that man was created in the image of God but because of his sin has been alienated from God.

### *Statements of Belief:*

1. We believe that God created man directly in His own image and likeness, and that man didn't arise as the result of evolution or development over interminable periods of time from lower forms of life.  
*Genesis 1:26-28  
Genesis 2:18-25*
2. We believe that all men are evil, sinful at birth, and sinful by choice. The basic bent of man is to do evil, and it is only through the changing of man's nature that he is able to please God.  
*Romans 3:23  
Romans 5:12-21  
Romans 8:7  
Ephesians 2:1-3  
Hebrews 11:6*
3. We believe that unbelievers who do things that might be considered by most to be good, are not considered by God to be good. While God does regard different types of actions as more or less wicked, there are no actions that God considers good apart from a life committed to Him.  
*Isaiah 64:6  
Romans 3:10-12  
Colossians 1:21*
4. We believe that the conscience of man condemns him as evil at some point in his life. While his conscience may become seared or depraved, at some point it served to remind the sinner of the error of his sins.  
*Romans 2:14-16  
1 Timothy 4:1-2  
Titus 1:15-16*
5. We believe that man is subject to, and deserves, the wrath of God because of his sinfulness.  
*Romans 1:18-20  
Colossians 3:5-6*
6. We believe that all men without Christ are at enmity with God because of their choice to live without regard for Him as Creator and as Lord. This war with God puts all men in the path of God's righteous judgment, against which there is no hope outside of Christ.  
*Micah 3:4  
Romans 1:18-23  
Romans 2:5  
Colossians 1:21  
Hebrews 9:27-28*

*(continued on next page)*



### *Response of the Believer:*

7. The Believer ought to be eternally and extremely grateful for his salvation since the choices he had made rightfully condemned him.
8. The Believer ought to view the sinful world around him with compassion and a desire for its salvation. There is no place for judgmental attitudes and self-righteous actions, knowing that every Believer, at one point, had made choices that were in opposition to God.
9. The Believer ought to train his conscience through the Word of God to discern good and evil, knowing that the world system around us is in place to promote evil.
10. The Believer ought to be actively engaged in sharing the gospel with an unsaved world. The responsibility of bringing a message of peace to people at war with God lies with the Believer.

### *Response of Headwaters Church:*

11. The Church ought to train the Believers in various means and methods of sharing the gospel. They ought to be sufficiently instructed in the realities of sin and salvation to be able to present this information to the world.
12. The Church ought to provide frequent opportunities for Believers to come together and discuss the difficulties and joys of living a message that runs against the grain of our culture.



## OUR BELIEFS ABOUT SALVATION

We believe that each individual must be in a personal relationship with God through faith in Jesus Christ in order to be saved from the eternal consequences of sin.

### *Statements of Belief:*

1. We believe that this relationship is initiated by God alone and that God, by His grace, sent Christ to die for mankind's sins. 1. *John 1:12-14  
Romans 2:4*
2. We believe that Satan, the accuser of the brethren, is the enemy of Christ and of His people, and that he restlessly opposes God's work of salvation. 2. *Acts 26:18  
1 Peter 5:8  
Revelation 12:10*
3. We believe that it is the work of Christ alone that insures our salvation. No works by men, no matter how good, has any part in securing their salvation. 3. *Ephesians 2:8-9  
John 5:24*
4. We believe that the relationship that surrounds the transformation from sinfulness to righteousness is a personal one. The relationship is to be more than "religion" in the form of rituals and performed actions, and is to touch and change the heart, the mind, and the life. This change is referred to as "repentance" in the Bible. 4. *Romans 6:6-7  
2 Corinthians 5:17  
Ephesians 4:17-24*
5. We believe that those who are truly changed in their heart and mind through a personal relationship with Jesus Christ are secure in their faith. They have received an inheritance which is imperishable, undefiled, and will not fade away. Furthermore, they are protected by the power of God until they receive the promise of their salvation in heaven. 5. *1 Peter 1:3-5  
John 10:28  
Romans 8:35-39*
6. We believe that apart from Christ, men face the certain judgment of God. Only true belief in Christ brings man into relationship with God, providing escape from God's wrath. 6. *1 John 5:11-12  
John 3:18  
Romans 2:5*

*(continued on next page)*



### *Response of the Believer:*

7. The Believer ought to show evidence in his life of the change that takes place with salvation. As the life of rebellion with God is given up for the life of righteousness, there should be changes in the way the Believer lives, thinks, acts and speaks.
8. The Believer should by all means possible add growth to his faith. He should continually be in a pattern of developing Christian character, maintaining assurance of his salvation.
9. The Believer ought to maintain a life of humility and thankfulness, understanding that he is eternally indebted to God for his salvation.

### *Response of Headwaters Church:*

10. The Church should present Christ as the only way of salvation. This should be accomplished by all godly means possible to as many people as possible.
11. The Church should train its people to effectively share Christ in their life both verbally and by righteous living.



## OUR BELIEFS ABOUT THE LOCAL CHURCH

We believe that the local Church is to be a gathering of Believers for the purpose of worship, fellowship, instruction, and preparation of God's people.

### *Statements of Belief:*

1. We believe that the assembly of Believers should be a time dedicated to pleasing the Lord, preparing to serve others, and encouraging the advancement of the gospel. All of these elements should be given a regular part of the public life of the local Church.  
*1. Hebrews 10:24-25  
Ephesians 5:19  
Matthew 28:19-20*
2. We believe that worship is vital as a means of expressing to God the things that are true about Him. God delights in the praises that, rightfully, are His. To do that in public, with other Believers, is a crucial part of the Christian life.  
*2. Hebrews 13:15-16*
3. We believe that the life of the Believer is meant to be influenced by other Believers as we share experiences, sorrows, and joys. Many of the elements of Christian character can only be expressed toward other people. Some are commanded specifically in the context of other Christians making fellowship a necessity.  
*3. Romans 12:9-18  
Proverbs 17:17*
4. We believe that instruction is necessary as the Believer allows himself to be taught by the wisdom, knowledge, and experiences of other Believers. The biblical plan for growth involves receiving instruction in scripture and in the experiences of life.  
*4. Ephesians 4:11-16  
2 Timothy 3:15*
5. We believe that there are many difficult and challenging elements to living life as a Christian and the Church has a role to prepare the people of God to live in this world.  
*5. 1 Timothy 1:5  
2 Timothy 2:2  
Titus 2:1-8*
6. We believe that God has given the Church two ordinances to be performed with regularity in the life of the body. These ordinances are Believer's Communion and Believer's Baptism.  
*6. 1 Corinthians 11:23-26  
Matthew 28:19  
Acts 2:38; 8:36-37*

*(continued on next page)*



### *Response of the Believer:*

7. The Believer ought to understand the vital role that the Church plays in Christian growth and seek out opportunities to be with the body of Christ.
8. The Believer ought to be maturing in Christ so that he has something to offer the body. As the Church gathers together to share experiences and thoughts, it is the responsibility of the Believer to be learning and practicing the instructions of Christ so that he may fulfill his obligation to brothers and sisters in Christ.
9. The Believer ought to participate in the ordinances of the Church. He should be baptized as a statement of commitment to the Lord and should participate in communion with an attitude of self-examination and remembrance of the sacrifice of Christ.

### *Response of Headwaters Church:*

10. The Church ought to structure meetings and events in such a way that all of these elements are being addressed.
11. The Church ought to provide instruction and opportunity for Believers to share with those in and out of the Church the things that God is teaching them.
12. The Church ought to make the ordinances a regular part of its public life by enjoying communion frequently and by giving opportunities for people to express their faith in Christ through water baptism by immersion.



## OUR BELIEFS ABOUT THE END TIMES

We believe in the personal, bodily return of Jesus Christ for His own people, giving hope for the future to all who believe in Him.

### *Statements of Belief:*

1. We believe that when Jesus Christ returns, the dead in Christ will be raised in glorified bodies and the living in Christ will be given glorified bodies.  
*1. 1 Thessalonians 4:15-17  
1 Corinthians 15:50-54  
1 Corinthians 6:14*
2. We believe that Jesus will also come as a judge of the wicked who will be cast away from God's presence, in judgment forever.  
*2. Matthew 25:41-46  
2 Thessalonians 1:6-9*
3. We believe that Satan will be judged and cast into the lake of fire, prepared for him and his angels, where he will be forever tormented.  
*3. Revelation 20:10  
Matthew 25:41*
4. God will establish a new heaven and a new earth for His people.  
*4. Revelation 21:1  
2 Peter 3:13  
Isaiah 65:17; 66:22*
5. We believe that the redeemed will eternally serve, worship, and glorify God in the new heaven and new earth.  
*5. Revelation 7:15; 22*

### *Response of the Believer:*

6. The Believer ought to live his life in hope, regardless of circumstances.
7. The Believer ought to face the deaths of other Believers with hope and not despair.
8. The Believer ought to be prepared at all times for the return of Christ.

### *Response of Headwaters Church:*

9. The Church should publicly keep the hope of God before its people.
10. The Church should educate its members about the priorities of heavenly treasure versus earthly values.

