The Five Truths – Dare 2 Share's Statement of Faith

The Statement of Faith does not exhaust the extent of our beliefs. The Bible itself, as the inspired and infallible Word of God that speaks with final authority concerning truth, morality, and the proper conduct of mankind, is the sole and final source of all that we believe. For purposes of Dare 2 Share Ministry's faith, doctrine, practice, policy, and discipline, our Board of Directors and Executive Team is Dare 2 Share's final interpretive authority on the Bible's application.

God

We believe in one God, eternally existing in three Persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. He is eternally self-existent, sovereign, righteous, compassionate, holy, loving and so much more! (Deuteronomy 6:4; Matthew 3:16,17; Galatians 1:1; Ephesians 4:6; Romans 9:5; Colossians 2:9; John 1:1; Acts 5:3-4; Exodus 3:14; Isaiah 6:3; 1 John 4:8)

God's Son

Jesus Christ is the second Person of the Trinity. He has always been fully God and became fully God and fully human when he was conceived in Mary's womb by the power of the Holy Spirit. He lived the perfect life we could never live and died the horrible death that we deserved. He rose physically from the dead, victorious over sin and Satan. Forty days after his resurrection he ascended physically into the heavens. He is interceding for us at the right hand of God the Father. He will come back to establish his kingdom on the earth and rule and reign forever with those who have put their faith in him.
(Isaiah 7:14; Matthew 1:23: I Timothy 3:16; John 1:1,14; Philippians 2:6; 1 Corinthians 15:3-7; Romans 8:34)

God's Spirit

The Holy Spirit is the third Person of the Trinity who was fully active in the creation of the world and is fully active in the regeneration of those who put their faith in Jesus. He indwells believers at the moment of salvation and is with them continuously until the day of redemption. He empowers believers to live a life full of "joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control" (Galatians 5:22,23). The Holy Spirit gives spiritual gifts to believers that allow them to serve others and empowers them to clearly and confidently share the Gospel with unbelievers. (Genesis 1:2; John 14:26; Acts 1:8; Acts 5:3,4; 1 Corinthians 12:4-13; 2 Corinthians 3:17,18; Ephesians 1:13-14; 1 John 2:20)

God's Word

Scripture was written by men but inspired by God. This means that every word, passage, and chapter of the Holy Scriptures, though penned by humans and retaining the writing style and personality of the human authors, was inspired by God himself. Although many came from varying backgrounds and lived in different places and time periods, each of the biblical authors was guided by the Holy Spirit as he wrote. God's word is reliable, not only in matters of faith and practice, but on every matter it touches. (Psalm 19:7-11; Psalm 119; Matthew 5:18; Luke 24:44-46; 2 Timothy 3:16-17; Hebrews 4:12,13; 2 Peter 1:20-21)

GOSPEL

The GOSPEL ("good news of Jesus") tells the whole story of creation from Genesis 1 to Revelation 22. It is a clear and simple message that has a deep and profound impact on those who receive it by faith. At D2S we unpack this story in six simple statements that spell out GOSPEL (the GOSPEL acrostic).

GOSPEL Acrostic

God created us to be with Him.
Unlike any other created thing in the entire universe, humanity was created in the image of God and for the glory of God (Genesis 1:27; Romans 11:36). Our capacity for moral choice and creative thinking shows that we were made uniquely from animals. Humanity is not the result of random evolution and accidental mutations. We were created by God. Whereas God spoke the rest of the universe into creation out of nothing (Hebrews 11:3), humanity was handcrafted by God himself in the Garden of Eden (Genesis 2:7). Adam, Eve, and all of humanity were created to walk in fellowship with God, their Creator and King. (Genesis 2:8; Psalm 100:3)

Our sins separate us from God.
Because of Adam's choice to disobey God in the Garden of Eden, sin entered the world. Every baby born since, except Jesus Christ Himself, was born in sin and is spiritually dead. The ultimate consequence for this sin is eternal separation from God in a place called hell. Hell is a place of eternal suffering for those who have not put their faith in Jesus alone for the salvation of their souls. (Genesis 3:6-24; Psalm 51:5; John 3:36; Romans 3:23; Romans 5:12; Romans 6:23; 2 Thessalonians 1:8-9; Revelation 14:10,11; Revelation 20:11-15)

Sins cannot be removed by good deeds.
From the time of Cain, humanity has been seeking to remove the stain of their sins and gain favor with God by "the sweat of their brows." But our hard work for God and good deeds toward others merely cover up our sinfulness. They cannot remove our sin, because even our good deeds "are like filthy rags" in God's sight (Isaiah 64:6). God sees beyond the deeds themselves into the depraved, narcissistic motives of humanity's sinful hearts. (Genesis 4:2-5; Acts 13:38,39; Romans 4:5; Galatians 2:16; Ephesians 2:8,9; Titus 3:5)

Paying the price for sin, Jesus died and rose again.
Two thousand ears ago, God sent his Son into the world to become the God/Man, Jesus Christ. Jesus lived the perfect life we could not live and died the death that we deserved. While hanging on the cross Jesus suffered in our place for our sins. When he screamed "It is finished" He meant that the price for every sin of all humanity for all time had been paid in full. He suffered death on our behalf. He absorbed God's wrath on the cross in our place and for our sins once and for all. Three days after He died, He rose from the dead, proving He was God. (John 1:1,14; John 3:16: Romans 3:21-25; Romans 5:8; 1 Corinthians 15:3,4; Colossians 2:13,14; Hebrews 9:24-28; 1 Peter 2:24)

Everyone who trusts in Him alone has eternal life.
When someone simply puts their faith in Jesus alone, based on His death for their sins and resurrection from the dead, they are justified ("declared righteous") and adopted into the family of God. When someone repents, they are changing their minds about who and what they are trusting in to save them and are putting their faith in Jesus alone. To trust in Jesus alone means that a person understands and believes that "salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved" Acts 4:12. This transfer of trust from ourselves to Jesus is what saves us, not our willingness to turn from sin, try harder or shed tears of contrition. We are saved by faith alone in Christ alone. (John 3:16-17; John 5:23; John 6:29; Acts 15:8-11; Romans 1:16,17; Romans 4:5; Romans 5:1; Ephesians 2:8,9; Galatians 3:1-5)

Life with Jesus starts now and lasts forever.

Eternal life is a personal, permanent relationship with the God of the universe. It is both quantitative as well as qualitative. On a quantitative level it lasts forever. Eternal life is just that, eternal. When God adopts someone into His family that adoption is irreversible. But it is also qualitative. It is not just about eternal life in heaven someday but walking in a living, thriving relationship with God today. This free gift of eternal life is not a license to sin, but a reason to serve. When we disobey God as believers He will discipline as a loving Father, but He will never kick us out of his family. As we learn to obey Him, in the power of the Spirit, we will experience true joy in Christ as we grow into spiritual maturity. (John 6:37-39; John 10:28; John 17:3; Ephesians 1:14; Ephesians 4:14-16; Hebrews 7:25; Hebrews 12:6; 1 John 5:13)