

Atlas Bible College – Statement of Faith - 2017

"In necessariis unitas, in dubiis libertas, in omnibus caritas." - Rupertus Meldenius

THE BIBLE - The Bible, both the Old and New Testaments, is God's Word to us. It was written by human authors, under the supernatural guidance of the Holy Spirit. It is the supreme source of truth for Christian beliefs and living. The Bible, in its original autographs, is infallible, inerrant, and true. Psalm 12:6, 119:105, 160; Proverbs 30:5; 2 Timothy 1:13; 3:16; 2 Peter 1:20-21

GOD - God is the eternally self-existent, infinite, omnipotent, and omniscient, creator and ruler of the universe. He eternally exists in three persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. These three are identical in nature, equal in power, and equal in glory, having the same attributes and perfections. Deuteronomy 6:4; Psalm 90:2; Isaiah 45:5-7; Matthew 28: 19; John 4:24; 1 Corinthians 8:4; 2 Corinthians 13:14

God the Father has revealed Himself as a Spirit without limit or defect. He is concerned with our lives and desires a personal, loving relationship with each of us. He hears and answers prayers, and He saves from sin and death all who come to Him in faith through Jesus Christ. Deuteronomy 32:6; 1 Chronicles 29:11; Psalm 145:8-9; Romans 8:14; 1 Corinthians 8:6; Ephesians 4:6

God the Son - Jesus Christ is the Son of God. He is coequal with the Father; fully God and fully man. He was conceived of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He lived a perfect, sinless life and offered himself as the final sacrifice for the sin of mankind. He physically arose from the dead after three days demonstrating His power over sin and death. He ascended to Heaven where He is our High Priest and Advocate. His powerful and glorious return is immanent. Micah 5:2; Matthew 1:23, 25; Luke 1:26-35; John 1:1-14, John 5:23; 10:30; 14:9; Acts 1:9-11; Philippians 2:5-8; Colossians 1:15-17, 2:9; 14:9-10; Hebrews 1:2;

God the Spirit - The Holy Spirit is coequal with the Father and the Son of God. He is present in the world to make men aware of their need for Jesus Christ. He indwells every Christian from the moment of salvation. He provides the Christian with power for living, understanding of spiritual truth, and guidance in doing what is right. As Christians we seek to live under His control daily as we are being conformed to the likeness of Jesus Christ. John 14:16-17, 16:7-13; Acts 1:8; 1 Corinthians 2:12, 3:16; 2 Corinthians 3:17; Galatians 5:16-25; Ephesians 4:30-32

THE CREATION – Everything in Heaven and on Earth, the universe, and even time itself, was created from nothing by a sovereign act of God. Genesis 1:1-28; Psalm 146:6; John 1:3, 10; Colossians 1:16 Revelation 14:7

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THE FALL OF MAN – Man was created in the image of God. Adam, the first man, through a willful act of disobedience to God, brought sin and death into the world. Sin infects every person, and separates us from God. Genesis 1:27; Romans 3:23; Romans 5:12

SALVATION - Only by trusting in Jesus Christ can anyone be saved from sin and its consequences. When we turn from our self-ruled life and turn to Jesus in faith we are saved. Eternal life begins the moment one receives Jesus Christ as Lord of his or her life. John 1:12, 3:16, 14:6; Romans 3:23; 5:8-10, 6:23, 10:9-10, 13; Galatians 3:26; Ephesians 2:8-9; Titus 3:5

ETERNITY - People will either exist eternally separated from God by sin, or exist eternally with God through forgiveness and salvation. To be eternally separated from God is eternity in Hell. To be eternally in union with God is eternal life in Heaven. Heaven and Hell are real places of eternal existence. John 3:16, 14:1-3; 17; 2 Corinthians 5:10; Revelation 7:15–17, 20:10, 15.

The Scripture references we have cited are not an exhaustive list.