

Statement of Faith

We believe the Bible to be the inspired, the only infallible, authoritative Word of God.

We believe that there is one God, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

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.

We believe in the salvation of lost and sinful man, by grace, through faith in Christ's atoning death and resurrection.

We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit who indwells Christians and enables them to live godly lives.

We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost; they that are saved unto the resurrection of life and they that are lost unto the resurrection of damnation.

We believe in the spiritual unity of believers in our Lord Jesus Christ.

In addition, we believe:

The highest privilege and responsibility of Christian parents, who will give account to the Lord for its faithful exercise, is the loving instruction of their children in the ways of the Lord.

Nevertheless, we acknowledge our own inability to carry out this responsibility without the help of the Lord.

Educating our children in the ways of the Lord requires molding their hearts and training their minds.

In training our children, as in all other areas of the Christian life, we seek to be transformed by the Word rather than to be conformed to the world and its practices. Recognizing the many areas in which the wisdom of this age departs from Biblical standards for child rearing, we desire to be governed by God's word not only in our individual families but also in our joint work with other Christian parents as part of H.E.A.R.T.H. We reject the temptation to let the low standards of our culture become the rule of our practice.

Scripture references:

"All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work." II Timothy 3:16-17

"Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation. For prophecy never had its origin in the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit." II Peter 1:20-21

"Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit," Matthew 28:19

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. " John 3:16

"because by one sacrifice he has made perfect forever those who are being made holy." Hebrews 10:14

"For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus," I Timothy 2:5

"But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, you have found favor with God. You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus. He will be great and will be

called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever; his kingdom will never end."

"How will this be," Mary asked the angel, "since I am a virgin?"

The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God." Luke 1:30-33

"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith — and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God — not by works, so that no one can boast." Ephesians 2:8-9

"But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come." John 16:13

"When he comes, he will convict the world of guilt in regard to sin and righteousness and judgment:" John 16:8

"And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever—" John 14:16

Also note: Nicene Creed and Apostles' Creed

"Do not be amazed at this, for a time is coming when all who are in their graves will hear his voice and come out — those who have done good will rise to live, and those who have done evil will rise to be condemned. " John 5:28-29

"Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit — just as you were called to one hope when you were called — one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

But to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it."

Ephesians 4:3-7

"Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it." Proverbs 22:6

"Unless the LORD builds the house, its builders labor in vain. Unless the LORD watches over the city, the watchmen stand guard in vain." Psalms 127:1

"Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. " Deuteronomy 6:5-7

"Come, my children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the LORD." Psalms 34:11

"You will keep in perfect peace him whose mind is steadfast, because he trusts in you." Isaiah 26:3

"Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is — his good, pleasing and perfect will." Romans 12:2