

FIRSTLIGHT MINISTRIES STATEMENT OF FAITH

We believe that there is only one God who exists eternally as three distinct persons—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

We believe that God reveals himself in his written Word, the Old and New Testament Scriptures. The Bible is inspired by God's Spirit and is without error in all that it affirms. The Bible points us to Christ alone as the source of eternal salvation for sinners.

We believe that God created the universe and all life out of nothing, and that Adam and Eve are real, historical people and the ancestors of all human beings.

We believe that ever since Adam and Eve turned away from God by disobeying him, all humans descended from them—with the exception of the man, Jesus, God's Son—are born with a sinful nature which inclines them to rebel against their Creator and trust in themselves rather than in God and his fatherly kindness.

We believe that God's salvation for us rebellious human beings is a gift of his grace and undeserved love. God redeems people through the work of his Son, Jesus the Christ, who lived a perfect life in our place; who died on the cross in a substitutionary death whereby he took our guilt and punishment upon himself and gave us his own perfect righteousness; and who conquered sin and death by his resurrection so that we might have new life in him. This life begins to transform our character now and culminates in the complete redemption of our soul and body.

We believe that God rescues lost sinners from their unbelief and its eternal consequences when the Holy Spirit, working through God's Word, convicts them of their guilt and gives them faith to trust Christ as their Savior and Lord.

We believe that God's Spirit moves Christians to live a life of daily repentance and faith, resting in Jesus Christ and enjoying his love. Resisting the inclinations of their sinful flesh remains a struggle for believers in this life. Yet by the power of the Holy Spirit they grow in grace, are assured of eternal life, and live in peace, trusting that they are righteous in God's sight because of the finished work of Christ on their behalf.

We believe that Christ will visibly return in glory one day, raising the dead and judging every human being with righteousness and justice. Those who have not trusted Christ and done good for his sake will know only everlasting destruction away from the presence of the Lord. But those who have trusted Christ and done good for his sake by his strength at work within them will be made immortal and reign with Christ in the New Creation, and God himself will dwell among them forever.