

# GCF STATEMENT OF FAITH

## *For Membership*<sup>1</sup>

1. We believe that the Bible is the inspired, truthful, and authoritative word of God.
2. We believe that there is one God, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit, co-eternal, co-equal, and co-substantial.
3. We believe in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His substitutionary and propitiatory death on the cross, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and in His bodily return in power and glory.
4. We believe in the deity of the Holy Spirit, that He indwells all Christians, and that He gifts Christians to serve the body of Christ.
5. We believe that all humanity falls short of God's righteous standards and is worthy of God's righteous judgment.
6. We believe that the gospel is the good news of Jesus Christ's birth, life, death, resurrection, ascension, and return.
7. We believe that humanity's response to the gospel is grounded in the grace of God and is made possible by the work of the Holy Spirit.
8. We believe that gospel benefits are only applied to those who repent of their sins and trust in Jesus Christ alone to save them.
9. We believe that genuine repentance and faith are characterized by a changed life.
10. We believe that a sinner is justified by grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone.
11. We believe that all Christians must express their membership in the universal church by joining themselves to a local church where they

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can submit to church leaders and use their God given gifts to serve the body of Christ.

12. We believe that local churches exist where the saints gather, the gospel is preached, Baptism and the Lord's Supper are rightly administered, and church discipline is practiced.
13. We Believe that marriage is between one man and one woman, and that sexual activity outside the context of marriage is sinful.
14. We believe that the local church's mission is summarized by the Great Commission (Matt 28:18-20).
15. We believe that Jesus Christ will return bodily to judge the world in righteousness.
16. We believe that after final judgment the redeemed will dwell with God forever in the new creation in glorified bodies and the unredeemed will dwell forever in hell with Satan and his demons.