Awake Ministries Statement of Faith

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Holy Bible

We believe the Holy Bible to be the only revealed, pure, complete and preserved Word of God throughout all the ages. Solely contained within the 66 books of the Bible, from Genesis to Revelation, we believe the scriptures to be the infallible, unchangeable Word of God, and the first source and final authority for all matters of faith, truth, morality, and Christian living (Psalm 12:6-7, Romans 16:25-26, 2 Timothy 3:16, 1 Peter 1:23, 2 Peter 1:20-21, Revelation 22:18-19).

Creation

We believe that in love God created the first human beings, Adam and Eve, as male and female, equal in dignity, value, and worth, in order to mirror and reflect God as an act of worship and obedience.

We believe that God is the Creator and Sustainer of human life; that God creates each person in His image; and that life is therefore sacred, from conception to natural death. We believe that God creates each person as male or female; that these two distinct, complementary genders together reflect the "image of God" in humankind; and that each person's biological gender is an intrinsic, immutable aspect of his or her nature and identity.

We believe the Bible teaches that God established marriage in the beginning as a lifelong, exclusive relationship between one man and one woman; that He has reserved sexual intimacy as an expression of love and commitment between married couples; and that any intimate expression of sexuality outside of Biblical marriage is sin.

(Genesis 1:26-27, 2:7, 5:1-3; 9:6, Romans 1:24-32, 1 Corinthians 11:11, Psalm 139:13-16, Jeremiah 1:5, Genesis 2:18-25, Galatians 5:16-24).

Trinity

- We believe in one God, Creator of all things visible and invisible, holy, infinitely perfect, and eternally existing in a loving unity of three equally divine Persons: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit..
- We believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the eternal Word, the one and only Savior. Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary, both fully human and fully divine; Who lived a sinless life; Who suffered and was crucified as an atonement for sin; Who rose again bodily from the dead on the third day; Who ascended into Heaven; and Who will return in victory to rule forever.
- We believe in the Holy Spirit. Who convicts of sin; Who indwells every Christian; Who helps us in our weakness and intercedes for us in prayer; and Who empowers us to a fruitful Christian life.

(Matthew 1:18, 25; Luke 1:35; Isaiah 7:14; Luke 1:27-35; John 1:1,14, 20:28; I Timothy 3:16; Isaiah 9:6;

Philippians 2:5-6). **The Gospel**

- Man, created by God, willfully sinned against God and is consequently lost and without hope apart from Jesus Christ.
- Salvation—the forgiveness of sins—comes by confessing faith in Christ and repenting of sin.
- Those who have received salvation through faith in Jesus Christ are sent into the world to proclaim the Gospel and to love and serve the world just as Jesus Himself did.

(Gen. 1:26-31, 3:1-7; Romans 5:12-21; John 6:44, 65; Matthew 19:28; Titus 3:5; Ephesians 2:8-9; Galatians 2:16, 3:8; Titus 3:5; Romans 10:9-10; Acts 16:31; Hebrews 9:22; Acts 2:21, 3:19; I John 1:9).

New Creations in Christ

By the will of God, all believers have died with Christ and no longer live for themselves. Our “death” is that of our old sins, which have been nailed to the cross with Christ. It was buried with Him, and just as Jesus was raised up, so are we raised up to “walk in newness of life", as new creations in Christ. (2 Corinthians 5:17, Romans 6:1-14, Galatians 2:20, Psalm 18:2)

Baptism

We believe that a person is saved by grace through faith in Christ. The Bible commands every believer in Christ to be baptized by immersion as a symbol of the burial of the old self and the resurrection of the believer’s soul to walk in life with Christ. It is intended to offer a means of union with Christ and a benchmark of transformation, marking the place and time a person made a public commitment to Christ (Romans 6:1-8). (Romans 5:1-2; 10:9; Ephesians 2:8-9; Acts 2:38, 3:19; Galatians 3:27; Colossians 2:12; 1 Peter 3:21).

Gifts of the Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit is manifested through a variety of spiritual gifts to build and sanctify the church and confirm the power of the Gospel. These gifts always operate in harmony with the Scriptures and should never be used in violation of Biblical parameters. (Romans 1:11, 12:4-8; Ephesians 4:16; I Timothy 4:14; II Timothy 1:6-7; I Corinthians 12:1-31; I Peter 4:10).

The Church

The church is the Body of Christ, the habitation of God through the Spirit, with divine appointments for the fulfillment of Jesus' Great Commission. Every person who is born of the Spirit is an integral part of the church as a member of the body of believers. There is a spiritual unity of all believers in our Lord Jesus Christ. (Ephesians 1:22, 2:19-22; Hebrews 12:23; John 17:11, 20-23).

Resurrection

Jesus Christ was physically resurrected from the dead in a glorified body three days after His death on the cross. In addition, both the saved and the lost will be resurrected; they that are saved to the

resurrection of eternal life in heaven, and they that are lost to the resurrection of eternal damnation in hell (John 2:19-21, 20:26-28; Acts 24:15; I Corinthians 15:42, 44; Philippians 3:21; Matthew 5:3, 12, 20, 6:20, 19:21, 25:34; John 17:24; II Corinthians 5:1; Hebrews 11:16; I Peter 1:4; Daniel 12:2; Matthew 25:46; John 5:29; Jude 1:7) .