

Statement of Faith (Wild Haven families)

We believe the Bible to be the inspired, infallible, authoritative Word of God. (II Timothy 3:16)

We believe there is only one God, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. (I John 5:7, Matthew 28:19, John 10:30)

We believe in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His atoning death through His shed blood, in His resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and in His future return in power and glory. (John 1:1-5, 14)

We believe humanity is sinful, separated from God, deserving of death, and in need of salvation. We believe in the salvation of the lost and sinful man, and salvation is received through faith in Jesus Christ as Savior alone and not a result of good works. Through this salvation, God gifts us eternal life. (Romans 3:23. 6:23, 10:9 and Ephesians 2:8-9)

We believe in the present and active ministry of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled and empowered to live a godly life and perform good works. (John 16:7, Romans 8:16, Ephesians 1:13-14, Galatians 5:22-26, Acts 1:8, and I Corinthians 12-14)

We believe in the spiritual unity of believers in Jesus Christ. We believe God has chosen to accomplish His purposes through His Church, the body of Christ, working

together in local congregations in every community. (Matthew 28:18-20, I Corinthians 12:12)

We believe all human life is sacred and created by God in His image. Human life is of inestimable worth in all its dimensions, including pre-born babies, the aged, the physically or mentally challenged, and all other stages and conditions from conception through natural death. (Psalms 139)

We believe that God wonderfully and immutably creates each person either male or female. These two distinct, complementary sexes together reflect the image and nature of God. Rejection of one's biological sex is a rejection of the image of God within that person. (Genesis 1:26-27, 5:2)

We believe that marriage has one meaning: the uniting of one man and one woman in a single exclusive union. (Genesis 2:18-25, Matthew 19:4-6) We further believe that God intends sexual intimacy to occur only between a man and a woman who are married to each other. (I Corinthians 6:18, 7:2-5, Hebrews 13:4)

We believe that every person should be afforded compassion, love, kindness, dignity, and respect. Hate towards another human is not a Christian behavior. (Mark 12:29-31, Luke 6:31, John 13:34-35)