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statement of faith

My faith beliefs have been cultivated and formed through my years of involvement and study within conservative evangelical churches and my training at Columbia Biblical Seminary.

- *I believe* the Bible is the **inspired** Word of God, the only **infallible**, authoritative Word of God that is His supernatural revelation of Himself to us, and without any errors in its teaching.
- *I believe* **salvation is a gift of God**, given through Grace. This is accomplished through faith in Jesus, who died for our sins (1 Cor. 15:3). Everyone who receives Christ by faith has their sins forgiven (Eph. 1:7), become children of God (Jn. 1:12, 13), and are made new (II Cor. 5:17).
- *I believe* **God is One** and reveals Himself in three Persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
- *I believe* in the **divine being of our Lord Jesus Christ**. He was born of a virgin, He led a sinless life, He performed miracles, He died on the cross to atone for our sins, He rose bodily from the dead (Jn. 20:25-27), He ascended into heaven to sit at the right hand of the Father, and He will personally return in power and glory.
- *I believe* in the **spiritual unity of believers** in our Lord Jesus Christ.
- *I 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 (I Cor. 15:53; Phil. 3:21; Jn. 5:28, 29).
- *I believe* Christians are **born of the Spirit** and live as new creatures in the present power of the Spirit. "If we live by the Spirit, by the Spirit let us also walk" (Gal. 5:16-25; Col. 2:6).
- *I believe* that through the power of the Holy Spirit every Christian will be **involved in service within community, be involved with the spread of the Gospel** to those around us, and globally (Acts 1:8; I Cor. 12:7; Eph. 3:20; Acts 5:32).
- *I believe* **Jesus Christ will come again** to earth the second time (Heb. 9:28), personally (Acts 1:11; I Thess. 4:16), bodily (Acts 1:11; Col. 2:9), and visibly (Matt. 26:64; Rev. 1:7).

Above all, a community of believers must act in love, first to God and also to all whether in the Body of Christ or not (Matt 22:34-40). The above are core essentials of my Christian faith that transcend denominational lines and minor doctrinal differences. Where doctrines differences of interpretation arise, I trust that the Holy Spirit will guide and direct me, while I exercise Christ's love, maintaining unity within the Body and a proper perspective on issues for which we may disagree.