

Crossworld Statement of Faith

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Based solely on our understanding of God's Word, the Bible, Crossworld affirms the following truths:

1. **Scripture:** We believe in the divine, verbal, plenary inspiration and the inerrancy and historical infallibility of the original Scriptures, and their supreme authority for faith and practice. *John 10:35; 2 Timothy 3:16, 17; 2 Peter 1:20, 21*
2. **God:** We believe in one God, the creator of all things, eternally existing in three persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. *Genesis 1:1; Deuteronomy 6:4; Matthew 3:16, 17; 2 Corinthians 13:14*
3. **Jesus Christ:** We believe that Jesus Christ was begotten by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary and is true God and true man. *Matthew 1:22, 23; John 1:1, 2, 14; Philippians 2:6, 7; Colossians 1:15-20*
4. **Salvation:** We believe in the necessity of the substitutionary death of Christ and that all who believe are justified on the basis of His shed blood and, therefore, have the assurance of their eternal salvation. *John 1:12, 13; Acts 16:31; Romans 3:21-25; Ephesians 1:7*
5. **Man:** We believe that man was created in the image of God and that he sinned, thereby incurring not only physical death but also spiritual death which is separation from God. We believe in the total depravity of man and the absolute necessity of the new birth for individual salvation, which results in a new man within. *Genesis 1:26, 27; Romans 3:10-23; Ephesians 2:1, 2; 2 Corinthians 5:17*
6. **Holy Spirit:** We believe in the regenerating, indwelling, sealing, and sanctifying work of the Holy Spirit, Who baptizes each believer into the body of Christ upon his acceptance of the Lord Jesus Christ as Savior. The Holy Spirit distributes spiritual gifts to believers as He wills for the edification of the Church. *1 Corinthians 6:19; 12:13; Ephesians 1:13; Titus 3:5; 1 Peter 1:2; 1 Corinthians 12:1-31*
7. **Sanctification:** We believe the Christian's sanctification begins at salvation, giving the capacity for holiness, but not eradicating his capacity for sin. Identification with Christ's death and resurrection and dependence upon the Spirit's power enable the believer to experience victory over sin. *Romans 6-8; Galatians 5:16-24; Ephesians 4:21-24*
8. **Church:** We believe in one universal Church, embracing all who are united to Christ by saving faith and divine grace, and its expression in local communities of faith centered on Christ and the gospel. Two ordinances are enjoined by Christ upon all believers: baptism and the Lord's Supper. *Matthew 28:18-20; Luke 22:14-20; 1 Corinthians 1:2; 11:23-26*
9. **Angels:** We believe in the existence of the holy angels, the personal existence of Satan and his demonic hosts. Though we wrestle with principalities and powers in spiritual ministry, victory is assured by Christ's death on the cross. *Job 1:6-7; Luke 10:18; Colossians 2:15; Hebrews 1:6, 14*

10. **Eternity:** We believe in the imminent coming of Christ to receive His church to Himself, and His premillennial and personal return to earth to establish His kingdom reign of peace and righteousness. We believe in the bodily resurrection of the just and the unjust, the everlasting blessedness of the saved and the everlasting conscious punishment of the lost. *Matthew 24:30, 31, 42; 25:13; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18, 5:2, Titus 2:13,14; 2 Peter 3:9,10; Revelation 19:11-21; 20:1-15*
11. **Service:** We believe that the "Great Commission" of our Lord Jesus Christ to give the gospel to every creature throughout the world is still incumbent on every believer and that the development of disciple-making communities among all nations is the essence of Jesus' mandate to the Church. We believe in the will, power and providence of God to meet our every need in His service. *Matthew 6:33; Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 1:8; 2 Corinthians 9:6-8; Philippians 4:19*