

HILLTOP STATEMENT OF FAITH

Reading and agreeing to honor this Statement of Faith is a condition of membership in Hilltop Christian Community. Hilltop will make decisions and plan activities that are pleasing to God and are in accordance with His Word.

Our Statement of Faith includes only those truths upon which all true Christians agree. It concerns the Person and Work of Jesus Christ (the Gospel) as revealed in Scripture. It is the faith once delivered to the saints (Eph. 4:5), which distinguishes believers from non-believers. There are many secondary truths taught in the Bible over which godly men have differed in understanding. Therefore, this is not a statement of all that is important to believe, but of all that is essential to believe for Christian fellowship and unity (Rom. 15:7).

- We believe the Bible to be the infallible Word of God, the supreme and final authority for all of life and faith.
- We believe there is one God, eternally existent in three persons: God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit.
- We believe in the deity of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His atoning death through His shed blood, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and He will come again in power and glory.
- We believe that man was created in the image of God but fell into sin and is therefore lost, and only those who repent of their sins and put their faith in Jesus Christ alone can be saved.
- We believe that salvation is a gift of God brought to man by God's grace, that is received by personal faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, and whose substitutionary death on the cross provided forgiveness for man's sin.
- We believe that for the salvation of a lost and sinful man, regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential, and that this salvation is received through repentance and faith in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord and not as a result of good works.

- We believe the ministry of the Holy Spirit is to convict, indwell, guide, instruct, and empower the believer for godly living and service.
- We believe in the spiritual unity of believers through our common faith in Jesus Christ and that, while individual doctrinal differences may exist, they should not hinder the unity of Christian home educators.
- We believe that God wonderfully and immutably created each person as male or female and that each person's gender is genetic and known at birth. These two distinct, complementary genders together reflect the image and nature of God. (Gen. 1:26,27)
- We believe that God created marriage to be exclusively the union of one man and one woman. (Gen. 2:24)
- We believe family to be defined as parents, male and female, who are legally married, or a single male or female, with children (biological, adopted, foster, and stepchildren). (James 1:26,27)
- We believe God, in His Word, has given parents the responsibility and authority to educate their children in a godly manner. (Deut. 4:9,6:1-25)