

The Preliminary Statement of
Faith for the joining of

Fellowship Bible Church and
Front Range Bible Church

Outline:

- Point # 3 in Statement of Faith
- Point #4 in Statement of Faith

Point #3 in Statement of Faith:

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- Define
- Biblical Evidence

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- Virgin Birth
- Perfect Humanity
- Sinless Life
- Substitutionary death
- Bodily resurrection

Point #3 in Statement of Faith:

- Deity

Jesus Christ is God. He is co-equal and co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit. He is the Creator and not Creation.

Point #3 in Statement of Faith:

- Deity
 - John 1:1-2
 - John 5:17-18
 - John 20:28
 - Colossians 1:15-18

Point #3 in Statement of Faith:

- Virgin Birth
 - Isaiah 7:14
 - Luke 1:26-38

Point #3 in Statement of Faith:

- Virgin Birth

“What was the purpose of the Virgin Birth? It need not be the necessary means of preserving Christ sinless, since God could have overshadowed two parents so as to protect the baby’s sinlessness had He so desired. It served as a sign of the uniqueness of the person who was born.”

- Charles Caldwell Ryrie, Basic Theology

Point #3 in Statement of Faith:

- Perfect Humanity

Jesus is fully God and fully Man. Despite Christ becoming man Jesus was incapable of sin. This has also been described as the “impeccability of Christ”

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- Perfect Humanity
 - 1 John 4:1-3

Point #3 in Statement of Faith:

- Sinless Life

Jesus Christ was completely sinless and therefore the **ONLY** candidate to pay for the sins of all mankind.

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- Sinless Life
- Hebrews 4:15

Point #3 in Statement of Faith:

- Substitutionary death

Jesus died as a substitute for every single person.

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- Substitutionary death
 - Leviticus 4:1-7
 - Leviticus 16
 - Hebrews 9:11-15

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- Bodily resurrection

Jesus died and was raised from the dead on the third day.

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 - 1 Corinthians 15:12-19

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- Baptized into the Body of Christ
- Indwelt
- Sealed

Point #4 in Statement of Faith:

- Personality of the Holy Spirit
 - 4 proofs

Proof #1 - The Holy Spirit has a personality.

1) The Holy Spirit has an intellect. In fact, the intellect possessed by the Holy Spirit is very unique in that He knows and searches the deep things of God (I Cor. 2:10-11); He knows in His mind how to pray when believers don't (Rom. 8:27); and He has the ability to teach spiritual truth (I Cor. 2:13). Certainly, the Holy Spirit possesses a very unique intellect.

Proof #1 - The Holy Spirit has a personality.

2) The Holy Spirit has emotions. There can be no denying the fact that the Holy Spirit possesses feelings . For example, the Holy Spirit may be grieved (Eph. 4:30).

Dr. Charles Ryrie appropriately writes: “He can be grieved by the sinful actions of believers (Eph. 4:30)—an influence cannot be grieved” (Ryrie, p. 343).

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3) The Holy Spirit has a will. For example, He can give spiritual gifts according to His will (I Cor. 12:11), and He directs believers according to His will (Acts 16:6-11).

The Holy Spirit possesses an intellect, emotions and will and, as Ryrie says, “Since genuine personality possesses intelligence, feelings, and will, and since the Spirit has these attributes, He must be a Person” (p. 343).

Proof #2 - The Holy Spirit has the actions of a person.

(Action #1) - The Holy Spirit teaches. John 14:26; I Cor. 2:13; Eph. 4:11-12

(Action #2) - The Holy Spirit speaks. John 16:13; Gal. 4:6

(Action #3) - The Holy Spirit convicts. John 16:8

(Action #4) - The Holy Spirit intercedes. Romans 8:26

(Action #5) - The Holy Spirit leads. Gal. 5:18

(Action #6) - The Holy Spirit regenerates. John 3:6

(Action #7) - The Holy Spirit appoints. Acts 13:2, 4; 20:28; I Cor. 12:11

Proof #3 - The Holy Spirit may be treated as a person.

(Treatment #1) - The Holy Spirit may be lied to. Acts 5:3

(Treatment #2) - The Holy Spirit may be resisted. Acts 7:51

(Treatment #3) - The Holy Spirit may be obeyed. Acts 10:19-21

(Treatment #4) - The Holy Spirit may be grieved. Ephesians 4:25-30

(Treatment #5) - The Holy Spirit may be insulted. Hebrews 10:29

Proof #4 - The Holy Spirit relates to other persons as a person.

(Relationship #1) - The Holy Spirit related to the apostles as a person.

Acts 15:28

(Relationship #2) - The Holy Spirit related to Jesus as a person.

John 16:14

(Relationship #3) - The Holy Spirit related to the Trinity as a person.

Matt. 28:19; II Cor. 13:14

(Relationship #4) - The Holy Spirit relates to others, by His power, as a person.

Luke 4:14; I Cor. 2:4

Point #4 in Statement of Faith:

- Baptized into the Body of Christ
 - Acts 1:5
 - Romans 6:1-8

Point #4 in Statement of Faith:

- Indwelt
 - Romans 8:9
 - 1 Corinthians 3:16; 6:19

Point #4 in Statement of Faith:

- Sealed
 - Ephesians 1:13; 4:30
 - 2 Corinthians 1:22