

THE Chara PROJECT

STATEMENT OF FAITH

THE BIBLE - We believe the sixty-six books of both the Old and New Testaments comprise the inspired, sufficient, authoritative Word of God and are without error in the original writings. We believe that every word is living and active, breathed out by God, written and preserved by human writers, and inspired by the Holy Spirit (1 Thessalonians 2:13; 2 Timothy 3:16-17; Hebrews 4:12; 2 Peter 1:21).

THE NATURE OF GOD - We believe that there is one uncreated God, eternally existent in three persons: God the Father, Jesus Christ the Son, and the Holy Spirit. These three are not merely one in purpose, but are also one in essence (Matthew 28:19; John 10:30; Deuteronomy 6:4; Isaiah 43:10; John 1:1).

JESUS - We believe Jesus Christ is God in the flesh, was born of a virgin, led a sinless life, and atoned for sin by His death on the cross. We believe in His bodily resurrection on the third day and His ascension to the right hand of the Father. Because He lives, He alone is our High Priest and Advocate (1 Timothy 3:16; Matthew 1:18-25; Hebrews 4:15; 1 Peter 2:24; 1 Corinthians 15:1-8; Acts 1:9-11; Matthew 26:64; Hebrews 7:28).

HOLY SPIRIT - We believe the ministry of the Holy Spirit is to glorify the Lord Jesus Christ and point mankind to Him. The Holy Spirit indwells in believers and convicts of sin, guides, and instructs, as well as empowers the believer for Godly living and service. The Holy Spirit will never contradict what God the Father has already revealed. (1 Corinthians 2:10; 2 Peter 1:20-21; John 14:15-26; Galatians 5:16-18).

THE NATURE OF MAN - We believe every person is sinful by nature and deserving of eternal separation from God. (Romans 3:23; 1 John 1:8,10; Ephesians 2:1-3).

SALVATION - We believe Jesus Christ came to save His people from their sins, fully and forever accomplishing that work on the cross. Mankind is saved by the gift of grace through faith alone in Jesus Christ. Believers are justified by the sacrificial death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, and shall be saved from wrath through Him. Good works are a by-product of saving faith, not a prerequisite to be saved (Matthew 1:21; John 3:16; Ephesians 2:8-9; Romans 10:9; 1 Peter 2:24; John 3:36; 1 John 1:9; Titus 3:3-7, James 2:14-20).

THE CHURCH - We believe Christ's Church is not a specific organization, but rather a body of believers who have recognized their lost state and placed their trust in the redeeming work of Christ for their forgiveness and salvation. We believe in the spiritual unity of all believers in the Lord Jesus Christ, from all nations and languages and people groups (Ephesians 2:19-22; Titus 2:14; Philippians 2:1-4; Ephesians 1:22-23; 1 Corinthians 12:12,27).

CHRIST'S RETURN - We believe in the personal and physical return of Jesus Christ. Though we do not know the day or hour when Christ shall return, we long for His appearing. As we wait for this hopeful day, we commit to redeeming the time and to declare the good news of salvation (Matthew 24:30; Acts 1:10-11; Mark 13:32; Acts 10:42; Titus 2:12-13).

RESURRECTION - We believe in the resurrection of both the just and the unjust; the unjust will be resurrected to eternal separation from God, and the just will be resurrected to eternal blessing in the presence of God (Hebrews 9:27-28; Matthew 16:27; Matthew 25:31-46; John 5:25-29; 1 Corinthians 15:42; Revelation 20:11-15).

The Statement of Faith does not exhaust the extent of our beliefs. The Bible, as the inspired and infallible Word of God, serves as the final authority and source of what we believe concerning truth, morality and proper conduct.