

BWGI Ministries Statement of Faith



We believe the Bible to be the inspired and infallible Word of God, the ultimate authority in faith and life (**2 Timothy 3:16-17**; **2 Peter 1:20-21**). The Bible tells us the greatest story ever told about God's *amazing and loyal love* (*kesed*) for us (**John 3:16**; **Romans 5:8**). We believe the Bible to be God's gift to humanity so that we can know God intimately and live in His presence (**John 17:17**). It also instructs us on godly living and how to be right with God and with our fellow human beings (**Philippians 2:1-4**; **2 Timothy 3:16-17**; **Hebrews 4:12**).

We believe that human beings, both male and female, were created in the image of God (**Genesis 1:27**). We believe that through the sin of Adam and Eve all of humanity experiences both physical and spiritual death and that all human beings are born with a sinful nature (**Genesis 3:1-7**; **Romans 5:12**).



We believe that Jesus Christ became a human being by the power of the Holy Spirit and was born of the Virgin Mary, and is both true God and true man (**Luke 1:35**; **2:7, 11, 52**). As a perfect sinless man and God in the flesh, Jesus Christ was crucified and died in our place so that we can become children of God by faith in Him (**Romans 8:3-4, 15-16**). It is only by faith in Christ and regeneration by the Holy Spirit that a person is saved (**John 3:5-7**; **Romans 10:9-10**).

We believe that those who have become children of God through regenerative faith in Christ are united in one spiritual body, the body of Christ, the Church (**Matthew 16:18**; **Romans 12:4-8**; **Colossians 1:18**). The Church meets in local assemblies (the local church) for the purpose of glorifying God through worship, study of the Bible, fellowship, sharing the Gospel with others, and making disciples. As such, we believe the local church to be the change agent within our culture (**Matthew 28:19-20**; **Acts 2:41-42**; **Ephesians 3:8-10**; **4:11-16**; **Hebrews 10:23-25**).

We believe that the regeneration of the believer extends to our new identity in Christ. As we relate to God as a caring Father, and as we bring our inner life under the influence of the Holy Spirit, we bring forth the fruit of the Spirit (**Galatians 5:22-23**).

We believe in the bodily resurrection of Jesus, His ascension into Heaven, His current life with God our Father as our Advocate and High Priest, and His future physical return in power and glory (**Matthew 28:6-7**; **John 14:1-4**; **Romans 8:34**; **Hebrews 7:25-26**; **1 Peter 1:3**; **1 John 2:1-2**; **Revelation 19:11-16**).



We believe in the resurrection of the saved to live in the blessed presence of the Triune God forever and in the resurrection of the lost to live in eternal torment separated from God forever (**Luke 13:28**; **16:19-31**; **23:43**; **John 3:18**; **Philippians 3:20-21**; **Revelation 20:11-15**).