

THE SHACK'S SHORT STATEMENT OF FAITH

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What, in particular, our organization places its faith in is briefly stated below:

1. There is one God eternally existing in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
2. The Son, Jesus Christ, is eternally God but became a man for the purpose of redeeming humanity.
3. The Holy Spirit convicts and convinces people of truth and empowers and guides Christians in God's ways.
4. The Bible is the inspired Word of God which constitutes the rule of Christian faith and practice.
5. All people have sinned and fall short of God's just requirements for his people. All people are, therefore, alienated from God, their creator, provider, and rightful Lord.
6. God has provided his own Son, Jesus Christ, to bear the world's sin, taking upon himself each person's just punishment, gaining for any who receive Christ salvation from personal sin, alienation, and punishment.
7. Whoever has Christ has life – eternal life, abundant life. Christ lives in them through the Holy Spirit to bring glory to God.
8. All who have Christ belong to his Church. Local churches provide for Christians a community in which they can grow more like Christ and serve him in the power of the Holy Spirit.
9. God is glorified and his purposes are accomplished best through the unity of all believers in any given locality.

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God

There is one God, who is infinitely perfect, existing eternally in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Jesus Christ

Jesus Christ is truly God and truly human . He was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. Jesus came to both demonstrate and procure for us life in its fullness. Jesus was crucified upon a cross, suffering the depths of human pain, being forsaken by His eternal Father because of our sins which He bore in His dying body, giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal. He is now at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. He will come again to establish His Kingdom of righteousness and peace.

Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of God, a divine person, sent to indwell, guide, teach, and empower the believer and the church in worship, evangelism, and service. He convinces the world of sin, righteousness, and of judgment.

Scripture

The Bible is the inspired, eternally enduring, understandable, authoritative Word of God. It constitutes the divine and supreme rule of Christian faith and practice.

Human Nature

Humanity began when God created Adam and Eve in his own image and likeness. Through their disobedience they incurred both physical and spiritual death. By this Fall not only the original humans, but also their natural offspring have lost the original knowledge, righteousness, and holiness, and thus all people are sinners already by birth, dead in sins, inclined to all evil, and subject to the wrath of God - all who die without faith in Christ are eternally separated from God. All people are unable, through any efforts of their own or by any other aid apart from Christ Jesus, to reconcile themselves to God and thus escape eternal alienation from God. But in Christ, through the Holy Spirit, all people can be saved from their hopeless predicament.

Salvation

Salvation, completed by the regeneration of the Holy Spirit, has been provided through Jesus Christ for all people. Faith in Christ is the only way for anyone to obtain personal reconciliation with God, that is, forgiveness of sins. There shall be a bodily resurrection of the redeemed in Christ unto eternal life with Him in heaven. This is the believer's blessed hope and is a vital truth which is an incentive to holy living and faithful service.

Personal Life and Ministry

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Holy Spirit, Christians serve Christ in their daily tasks and live holy and joyful lives as ambassadors of Christ. Since good works never precede faith, but are always and in every instance the result of faith in the Gospel, it is evident that the only means by which Christians can become rich in good works (and God would have His children to be rich in good works) is unceasingly to remember the grace of God which they have received in Christ. Like Christ, we are to continue in his work of reconciliation, peace, love, and justice in the world.

The Church

There is one invisible, holy Christian Church on earth, the Head of which is Christ and which is gathered, preserved, and governed by Christ through the Gospel. The Church consists of all those who believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, are redeemed through His blood, and are born again of the Holy Spirit. The visible local church is a body of believers in Christ who are joined together for the worship of God, edification through the Word of God, prayer, fellowship, the proclamation and dissemination of the gospel, and the administration of the Sacraments of baptism and the Lord's Supper. The local church and its constituent families have the primary responsibility for the religious training of its people.

Unity of Believers

God desires to glorify His name and convince non-believers of His love for them through Christ by demonstrating His love, holiness, and power through His people living in unity. That means His people, although active in their respective churches, unite in purpose, effort, prayer, and a common focus and reliance on Jesus. God calls His children, in their diversity, to make every effort to keep the spirit of unity in peace.