

Statement of Faith

We believe in the God of the Bible (Exodus 3:6-14)

We believe the Holy Bible to be the Word of God.

We believe in its History, Covenants, and Prophecy (II Timothy 3:16; II Peter 1:21).

We believe in the Bible account of Creation (Genesis 1 & 2). We believe in Jesus Christ as the only begotten Son of God, the Word made flesh (John 1:14). We believe Christ died for us (Romans 5:8); also, that He was raised from the dead (Romans 6:4; Revelation 1:18). We believe in the atoning sacrifice of Jesus Christ on Calvary (Romans 5:11); not only for Israel, but for the sins of the world (I John 2:2).

We believe Jesus Christ ascended into Heaven (Mark 16:19; Hebrews 8:1). We believe in the literal return of Jesus Christ (Zechariah 14:4; Acts 1:9-14) when He shall take the Throne of David (Isaiah 9:6-7; Luke 1:32-33)

Open Letter from Nancy

As a "baby" Christian, I use to believe that everyone had to speak in tongues to be "saved" until I read in the Scriptures, "Not all speak in tongues, do they!" I loved God very much and felt embarrassed. I was "exposed".

I recommend you use the Strongs Exhaustive Concordance to research the Scripture. Scriptural teaching I accept and allow to impact what I believe has to be IN THE WORD. For example, the rapture is Not in the Bible. Adam and Eve being the first humans is Not in the Bible. I may feel that I don't have the entire Biblical context to completely believe a doctrine, and in cases such as these, I may agree with a doctrine, and continue to believe it, if it stands the test of time. I learned my lesson from the tongues belief! I know three things for sure though: ONE - Christ opened up my ability to be one with the Father through His shed blood - no more work on my part needed! TWO - We were created to love God. And, THREE - He wants our fellowship!

Family Tree Ministry is not linked to any one denomination. We respect gatherings of all true believers wherever they occur including a variety of denominations, such as Baptist, Presbyterian, Lutheran, Pentecostal, Methodist and many others. We love home Bible study type churches too. I understand and respect the strong historical role of Catholic and Jewish beliefs in protecting the history of Christ's coming. I even value bush men in deepest Africa who God will reach even though they will never see a western style evangelist say the word J-E-S-U-S.

There is only one church of God, which is His people, wherever they are. I hope you can research the truth as I continually do! Here's a good place to start <http://www.shepherdschapel.com>