

# My Statement of Faith

This is a summary of my beliefs about God and the state of man. Many of the statements are described more fully in the other articles available on this Web site.

1. God is One. (Deuteronomy 6:4; Mark 12:29; Galatians 3:20)
2. God consists of The Father, His Son Jesus (Yeshua), and the Holy Spirit as separate entities. (Matthew 28:19)
3. The Father, through Jesus Christ (Yeshua Ha'Mashiach) created the universe in six literal days about 6000 years ago. (Genesis 2:2-3; Exodus 30:11; Exodus 31:17)
4. God created man, with free will, in order to have meaningful voluntary fellowship with him. (Genesis 1:27; 1 Corinthians 1:9; 1 John 1 3)
5. The world was perfect, and was the perfect habitat for Man. (Genesis 1:31)
6. Man rebelled against God and brought a curse upon all creation. (Romans 5:12; 1 Corinthians 15:21; Romans 8:22)
7. Death came into the world through this act of rebellion. (Romans 5:12; 1 Corinthians 15:21; Romans 8:22)
8. God destroyed a corrupt world through the flood about 4500 years ago, and saved only eight people. (Genesis 6:17; 1 Peter 3:20-21)
9. God sent Jesus (Yeshua), His Son, to pay the penalty for sin by being tortured and dying on a cross. (It wasn't that Jesus died, but that He was punished to death for our sin.) (Philippians 2:8; Romans 5:19; Isaiah 53:5; Psalm 103:12)
10. Jesus (Yeshua) physically arose from the dead and ascended to the Father and is there to this day. (Mark 15:6; Mark 16:19; Acts 1:9; Acts 10:41)
11. Jesus (Yeshua) built His church on the statement that He is the Christ, the Son of God. (Matthew 16:16-18)
12. Jesus (Yeshua) established that to be saved (as a part of His church), you are to Hear, Believe, Repent, Confess that Jesus (Yeshua) is the Christ (a public statement of your faith in Him), and be Baptized (by immersion).  
(Acts 2:38; <http://smgolden.com/documents/Baptism-Is-It-Necessary.pdf> )
13. Jesus (Yeshua) told us to make disciples as we go about our lives. (Matthew 28:19)
14. The Holy Spirit was promised to, and lives in, every baptized believer. (2 Timothy 1:14)
15. Jesus (Yeshua) asked us to remember him by keeping the memorial of the Lord's Supper which consists of unleavened bread and unfermented fruit of the vine; items present at the Passover meal. (Luke 22:14-20; 1 Corinthians 11:20, 24-25;  
<http://smgolden.com/documents/communion.pdf> )
16. The early church met every first day of the week and continued steadfastly in the Apostles Doctrine, Fellowship, Breaking of Bread (a synonym for the Lord's Supper), and Prayer. (Acts 20:7; 1 Corinthians 16:2; Acts 2:42)
17. We should do the same. (Luke 3:8; 2 Corinthians 8:5; Matthew 28:20)
18. We are to keep ourselves holy and live pure lives. (1 Timothy 5:22; 2 Timothy 1:14; 2 Peter 3:11; Ephesians 4:29)
19. Jesus (Yeshua) is coming back some day to remove His Church, destroy sin and death, and ultimately establish a new heaven and a new earth. (John 14:28; 1 Thessalonians 4:17; 2 Peter 3:13; Revelation 21:1; <http://smgolden.com/eschatology.php> )
20. We are to watch and be ready. (Luke 12:35-40; Luke 17:20-35; Matthew 24:42; Matthew 25:13).