



Crossroad

Gospel Message

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Core Values of Crossroad Gospel Message

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- The Bible taught as the **Word of God** with application for **daily living**
- Evidence of an **ongoing ministry to the poor/broken/divorced** etc
- **Evangelism** going on in all ways and at every level
- A strong emphasis on **restoration, empowering and positioning.**
- **Care groups** of adults involved in ministry, discipleship and mutual care with responsibilities
- **Effective training and equipping** of the people for works of ministry
- **Involvement and interaction** with other churches for inter-church unity
- Good, meaningful **worship** through the singing of contemporary songs, giving and the **preaching of the Word**
- The encouragement and the exercising of **spiritual gifts & talents.**
- Missions - domestic & foreign, especially in the form of **church planting** and **voluntary networking.**

STATEMENT OF FAITH

As evangelicals, the Bible is our final authority for faith and practice. Therefore, the statements that follow reflect our best attempt to understand and live out biblical precepts. Upon further reflection, greater biblical insight, or increased wisdom through experience, these statements could be revised. Until such a time, **Crossroad Gospel Message NPC** formally adopts this document as our official statement of faith since **August 1996**

We now commend this for use by all our pastors in all our future churches or networking ministries with the prayer that God will bless our sincere desire and humble attempt to be ambassadors of the rule and reign of His kingdom through our lives that His will may be done on earth as it is in heaven.

President Pastors Francois & René van den Bergh

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Section 1:

WE BELIEVE that God is the Eternal ¹ King ². He is an infinite ³, unchangeable ⁴ Spirit ⁵, perfect ⁶ in holiness ⁷, wisdom⁸, goodness ⁹, justice ¹⁰, power ¹¹ and love ¹². From all eternity ¹³ He exists as the One ¹⁴ Living ¹⁵ and True⁶ God in three persons ¹⁷ of one substance ¹⁸, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit ¹⁹, equal in power and glory ²⁰.

Section 2:

WE BELIEVE that God's kingdom is everlasting ²¹. From His throne ²², through His Son, His eternal Word ²³, God created²⁴, upholds ²⁵ and governs ²⁶ all that exists ²⁷: the heavenly places ²⁸, the angelic hosts ²⁹, the universe ³⁰, the earth ³¹, every living thing ³² and mankind ³³. God created all things very good ³⁴.

Section 3:

WE BELIEVE that Satan, originally a great, good angel, rebelled against God, taking a host of angels with him ³⁵. He was cast out of God's presence and, as a usurper of God's rule, established a counter-kingdom of darkness ³⁶ and evil on the earth ³⁷.

Section 4:

WE BELIEVE that God created mankind in His image, male and female ³⁸, for relationship with Himself and to govern the earth ³⁹. Under the temptation of Satan ⁴⁰, our original parents fell from grace ⁴¹, bringing sin ⁴², sickness ⁴³ and God's judgment of death to the earth ⁴⁴. Through the fall, Satan and his demonic hosts gained access to God's good creation ⁴⁵. Creation now experiences the consequences and effects of Adam's original sin ⁴⁶. Human beings are born in sin ⁴⁷, subject to God's judgment of death ⁴⁸ and captive to Satan's kingdom of darkness ⁴⁹.

Section 5:

WE BELIEVE that God did not abandon His rule over the earth ⁵⁰ which He continues to uphold by His providence ⁵¹. In order to bring redemption, God established covenants ⁵² which revealed His grace to sinful people ⁵³. In the covenant with Abraham, God bound Himself to His people Israel, promising to deliver them from bondage to sin and Satan and to bless all the nations through them ⁵⁴.

Section 6:

WE BELIEVE that as King, God later redeemed His people by His mighty acts from bondage in Egypt ⁵⁵ and established His covenant through Moses, revealing His perfect will and our obligation to fulfill it ⁵⁶. The law's purpose is to order our fallen race ⁵⁷ and to make us conscious of our moral responsibility ⁵⁸. By the work of God's Spirit ⁵⁹, it convicts us of our sin ⁶⁰ and God's righteous judgment against us ⁶¹ and brings us to Christ alone for salvation ⁶².

Section 7:

WE BELIEVE that when Israel rejected God's rule over her as King ⁶³, God established the monarchy in Israel ⁶⁴ and made an unconditional covenant with David ⁶⁵, promising that his heir would restore God's kingdom reign over His people as Messiah forever ⁶⁶.

Section 8:

WE BELIEVE that in the fullness of time ⁶⁷, God honored His covenants with Israel and His prophetic promises of salvation ⁶⁸ by sending His only Son ⁶⁹, Jesus, into the world ⁷⁰. Conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary ⁷¹, as fully God and fully man in one person ⁷², He is humanity as God intended us to be ⁷³. Jesus was anointed as God's Messiah and empowered by the Holy Spirit ⁷⁴, inaugurating God's kingdom reign on earth ⁷⁵, overpowering the reign of Satan by resisting temptation ⁷⁶, preaching the good news of salvation ⁷⁷, healing the sick ⁷⁸, casting out demons ⁷⁹ and raising the dead ⁸⁰. Gathering His disciples ⁸¹, He reconstituted God's people ⁸² as His Church ⁸³ to be the instrument of His kingdom ⁸⁴. After dying for the sins of the world ⁸⁵, Jesus was raised from the dead on the third day ⁸⁶, fulfilling the covenant of blessing given to Abraham ⁸⁷. In His sinless, perfect life ⁸⁸ Jesus met the demands of the law ⁸⁹ and in His atoning death on the cross ⁹⁰, He took God's judgment for sin ⁹¹ which we deserve as law breakers ⁹². By His death on the cross He also disarmed the demonic powers ⁹³. The covenant with David was fulfilled in Jesus' birth from David's house ⁹⁴, His Messianic ministry ⁹⁵, His glorious resurrection from the dead ⁹⁶, His ascent into heaven and His present rule at the right hand of the Father ⁹⁷. As God's Son and David's heir ⁹⁸, He is the eternal Messiah-King ⁹⁹, advancing God's reign throughout every generation and throughout the whole earth today ¹⁰⁰.

Section 9:

WE BELIEVE that the Holy Spirit was poured out on the Church at Pentecost in power ¹⁰¹, baptizing believers into the Body of Christ ¹⁰² and releasing the gifts of the Spirit to them ¹⁰³. The Spirit brings the permanent indwelling presence of God to us ¹⁰⁴ for spiritual worship ¹⁰⁵, personal sanctification ¹⁰⁶, building up the Church ¹⁰⁷, gifting us for ministry ¹⁰⁸, and driving back the kingdom of Satan ¹⁰⁹ by the evangelization of the world through proclaiming the word of Jesus ¹¹⁰ and doing the works of Jesus ¹¹¹.

Section 10:

WE BELIEVE that the Holy Spirit indwells every believer in Jesus Christ ¹¹² and that He is our abiding Helper ¹¹³, Teacher ¹¹⁴, and Guide ¹¹⁵. We believe in the filling or empowering of the Holy Spirit ¹¹⁶, often a conscious experience ¹¹⁷, for ministry today ¹¹⁸. We believe in the present ministry of the Spirit ¹¹⁹ and in the exercise of all of the biblical gifts of the Spirit ¹²⁰. We practice the laying on of hands for the empowering of the Spirit ¹²¹, for healing ¹²², and for recognition and empowering of those whom God has ordained to lead and serve the Church ¹²³.

Section 11:

WE BELIEVE that the Holy Spirit inspired the human authors of Holy Scripture ¹²⁴ so that the Bible is without error ¹²⁵ in the original manuscripts. We receive the sixty-six books of the Old and New Testaments ¹²⁶ as our final, absolute authority, the only infallible rule of faith ¹²⁷ and practice ¹²⁸.

Section 12:

WE BELIEVE that the whole world is under the domination of Satan ¹²⁹ and that all people are sinners by nature ¹³⁰ and choice ¹³¹. All people therefore are under God's just judgment ¹³². Through the preaching of the Good News of Jesus and the Kingdom of God ¹³³ and the work of the Holy Spirit ¹³⁴, God regenerates ¹³⁵, justifies ¹³⁶, adopts ¹³⁷ and sanctifies ¹³⁸ through Jesus by the Spirit ¹³⁹ all who repent of their sins ¹⁴⁰ and trust in Jesus Christ as Lord ¹⁴¹ and Savior ¹⁴². By this they are released from Satan's domain and enter into God's kingdom reign ¹⁴³.

Section 13:

WE BELIEVE in the one ¹⁴⁴, holy ¹⁴⁵, universal Church ¹⁴⁶. All who repent of their sins and confess Jesus as Lord and Savior are regenerated by the Holy Spirit ¹⁴⁷ and form the living Body of Christ ¹⁴⁸, of which He is the head ¹⁴⁹ and all are members ¹⁵⁰.

Section 14:

WE BELIEVE that Jesus Christ committed two ordinances to the Church: water baptism ¹⁵¹ and the Lord's Supper ¹⁵². Both are available to all believers.

Section 15:

WE BELIEVE that God's kingdom has come in the ministry of our Lord Jesus Christ ¹⁵³, that it continues to come in the ministry of the Spirit through the Church ¹⁵⁴, and that it will be consummated in the glorious, visible and triumphant appearing of Christ ¹⁵⁵ - His return to the earth as King ¹⁵⁶. After Christ returns to reign ¹⁵⁷, He will bring about the final defeat of Satan and all of his minions and works ¹⁵⁸, the resurrection of the dead ¹⁵⁹, the final Judgment ¹⁶⁰ and the eternal blessing of the righteous and eternal conscious punishment of the wicked ¹⁶¹. Finally, God will be all in all ¹⁶² and His kingdom, His rule and reign ¹⁶³, will be fulfilled in the new heavens and the new earth ¹⁶⁴, recreated by His mighty power, in which righteousness dwells ¹⁶⁵ and in which He will forever be worshipped ¹⁶⁶.

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