

Statement of Faith Scripture proofs (ESV)

1. God.

We believe there is one true God.¹ He is perfectly holy and infinitely loving,² and is personal and triune in essential being, eternally existing as Father, Son and Holy Spirit.³

¹ Deuteronomy 6:4

² Isaiah 6:3, 1 John 1:5, Psalms 103:8, 1 John 4:8

³ 1 Corinthians 12:4-6, Romans 9:5, Acts 5:3-4, Mark 1:10-11; Matthew 28:19, 2 Corinthians 13:14

¹ **Deuteronomy 6:4** “Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one.”

² **Isaiah 6:3** And one called to another and said: “Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!” // **1 John 1:5** This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. // **Psalms 103:8** The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. // **1 John 4:8** Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love.

³ **1 Corinthians 12:4-6** Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. // **Romans 9:5** To them belong the patriarchs, and from their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ, who is God over all, blessed forever. Amen. // **Acts 5:3-4** But Peter said, “Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and to keep back for yourself part of the proceeds of the land? While it remained unsold, did it not remain your own? And after it was sold, was it not at your disposal? Why is it that you have contrived this deed in your heart? You have not lied to man but to God.” // **Mark 1:10-11** And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.” // **Matthew 28:19** “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit...” // **2 Corinthians 13:14** The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

2. Our Knowledge of God.

We believe this one true God has made Himself known to us in three ways:

- First, by the incomprehensible magnificence of His creation, by which the invisible truths of His awesome power, sovereign authority, generous purpose and tender care are clear to all.⁴
- Second, by the testimony of the 66 books of the Bible, with which He spoke through human writers by His Holy Spirit, to reveal Himself personally and truly to us.⁵
- Third, by the Word of God become flesh, in the incarnate Son, Jesus of Nazareth, who by divine miracles, teaching with authority, and fulfilment of the prophecies of Scripture, has made God known to us.⁶

⁴ Psalms 19:1-6, Romans 1:18-20

⁵ Ephesians 3:1-5, 2 Peter 3:19, 2 Timothy 3:16, 1 Corinthians 2:13

⁶ John 1:1,14,18, Hebrews 1:1-2, Luke 24:27,44

⁴ **Psalms 19:1-6** The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork. Day to day pours out speech, and night to night reveals knowledge. There is no speech, nor are there words, whose voice is not heard. Their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In them he has set a tent for the sun, which comes out like a bridegroom leaving his chamber, and, like a strong man, runs its course with joy. Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them, and there is nothing hidden from its heat. // **Romans 1:18-20** For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth. For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse.

⁵ **Ephesians 3:1-5** For this reason I, Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles— assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God’s grace that was given to me for you, how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have written briefly. When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ, which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit. // **2 Peter 1:19-21** And we have the prophetic word more fully confirmed, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts, knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone’s own interpretation. For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit. // **2 Timothy 3:16** All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness... // **1 Corinthians 2:13** And we impart this in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those who are spiritual.

⁶ **John 1:1,14,18** In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God... And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth... No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known. // **Hebrews 1:1-2** Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. // **Luke 24:27,44** And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself... Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.”

3. The Authority of God's Word.

We believe that the Bible was given to us by God for our eternal well-being, and we submit to it as the authoritative word of God that must govern our life and doctrine. God's word is unchangeable, essential, and perfectly sufficient for our knowledge of God and His will for us, and to guide our response to His loving pursuit of us.⁷

⁷ Psalms 119, Psalms 19:7-11, 2 Timothy 3:14-17, Romans 15:4, Acts 20:32

⁷ **Psalms 119, e.g. v.130** The unfolding of your words gives light; it imparts understanding to the simple; **e.g. v.160** The sum of your word is truth, and every one of your righteous rules endures forever. // **Psalms 19:7-11** The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple; the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes; the fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever; the rules of the LORD are true, and righteous altogether. More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb. Moreover, by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward. // **2 Timothy 3:14-17** But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work. // **Romans 15:4** For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. // **Acts 20:32** And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified.

4. Creation and Humanity.

We believe that by His own sovereign will God created the universe out of nothing, by the power of His word. God created humans in His own image, male and female, and tasked them with caring for the earth as His representatives, under His sovereign rule and His governance of all things.⁸

⁸ Genesis 1:1-2:3, Psalms 33:6-9, Psalms 104:24-26, Hebrews 11:3, Job 38:1-41

⁸ **Genesis 1:1-2:3, e.g. v.1** In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth; **e.g. v. 26-28** Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.” So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. And God blessed them. And God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.” // **Psalms 33:6-9** By the word of the LORD the heavens were made, and by the breath of his mouth all their host. He gathers the waters of the sea as a heap; he puts the deeps in storehouses. Let all the earth fear the LORD; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him! For he spoke, and it came to be; he commanded, and it stood firm. // **Psalms 104:24-26** O LORD, how manifold are your works! In wisdom have you made them all; the earth is full of your creatures. Here is the sea, great and wide, which teems with creatures innumerable, living things both small and great. There go the ships, and Leviathan, which you formed to play in it. // **Hebrews 11:3** By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible. // **Job 38-41, e.g. v.1-7** Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind and said: “Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge? Dress for action like a man; I will question you, and you make it known to me. Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. Who determined its measurements—surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone, when the morning stars sang together and all the sons of God shouted for joy? **e.g. v.22-24** “Have you entered the storehouses of the snow, or have you seen the storehouses of the hail, which I have reserved for the time of trouble, for the day of battle and war? What is the way to the place where the light is distributed, or where the east wind is scattered upon the earth?” **e.g. v.31-33** “Can you bind the chains of the Pleiades or loose the cords of Orion? Can you lead forth the Mazzaroth in their season, or can you guide the Bear with its children? Do you know the ordinances of the heavens? Can you establish their rule on the earth?”

5. Sin.

We believe that the first humans, Adam and Eve, were tempted and deceived by the devil, and chose to reject God's integrity and authority. Committing this sin, their fellowship with God was broken.⁹ The result of this for the rest of humanity is that we all sin, and in our natural sinful state we are out of fellowship with God, and unable in and of ourselves to restore ourselves into fellowship with Him.¹⁰

⁹ Genesis 3

¹⁰ Romans 5:12, Psalms 14:1-3, 1 John 1:8, Isaiah 59:1-2, Ephesians 2:1-2a, Romans 8:7-8

⁹ **Genesis 3, e.g. v.6** So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. **e.g. v.13** Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate." **e.g. v.22-24** Then the LORD God said, "Behold, the man has become like one of us in knowing good and evil. Now, lest he reach out his hand and take also of the tree of life and eat, and live forever—" therefore the LORD God sent him out from the garden of Eden to work the ground from which he was taken. He drove out the man, and at the east of the garden of Eden he placed the cherubim and a flaming sword that turned every way to guard the way to the tree of life.

¹⁰ **Romans 5:12** Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned... // **Psalms 14:1-3** The fool says in his heart, "There is no God." They are corrupt, they do abominable deeds; there is none who does good. The LORD looks down from heaven on the children of man, to see if there are any who understand, who seek after God. They have all turned aside; together they have become corrupt; there is none who does good, not even one. // **1 John 1:8** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. // **Isaiah 59:1-2** Behold, the LORD'S hand is not shortened, that it cannot save, or his ear dull, that it cannot hear; but your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God, and your sins have hidden his face from you so that he does not hear. // **Ephesians 2:1-2a** And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked... // **Romans 8:7-8** For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

6. Salvation in Jesus Christ.

We believe that God so loved the world that the Father surrendered His only Son, to receive the righteous penalty for our sin. In this the love of God for us was demonstrated – that the judgement we deserve for our sin was poured out on the sinless Son of God, in the incarnate Jesus of Nazareth. Being fully God and fully man, and yet without sin, Jesus offered himself on the cross as a perfect and holy sacrifice for our sin, securing a salvation of redemption once for all time for all who trust in Him.¹¹ Thus, we believe that salvation from sin cannot be earned by human merit, but rather that it must be received entirely as a gracious gift from God, through faith in Jesus Christ.¹²

¹¹ John 10:14-15, 1 John 4:9-10, Hebrews 9:12-14, 1 Peter 3:19, Isaiah 53:4-6

¹² Romans 3:21-26, Ephesians 2:1-10

¹¹ **John 10:14-15** I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. // **1 John 4:9-10** In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. // **Hebrews 9:12-14** he entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. For if the blood of goats and bulls, and the sprinkling of defiled persons with the ashes of a heifer, sanctify for the purification of the flesh, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God. // **1 Peter 3:18** For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit... // **Isaiah 53:4-6** Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

¹² **Romans 3:21-26** But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it — the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus. // **Ephesians 2:1-10** And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience — among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

7. The Work of the Holy Spirit.

We believe that the Holy Spirit applies this salvation to each believer, personally granting them a living faith in the work of Jesus. Thus, those who trust in Jesus Christ are marked by the Holy Spirit as holy – belonging to God.¹³ We believe that the fruit of that salvation is a life then transformed by the Holy Spirit, who personally dwells in the heart of every believer, uniting them with God, and transforming them to become more and more like Christ in their thoughts, words and deeds.¹⁴

¹³ John 3:5-7, John 7:37-39, Acts 2, 1 Thessalonians 1:4-5, Ephesians 1:13-14

¹⁴ John 14:16-17, Romans 8:12-17, 2 Corinthians 3:17-18

¹³ **John 3:5-7** Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’” // **John 7:37-39** On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, “If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, ‘Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.’” Now this he said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were to receive, for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified. // **Acts 2 e.g. v.1-4** When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance; **e.g. v.16-18** But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel: “‘And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams; even on my male servants and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy; **e.g. v.38-39** And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.” // **1 Thessalonians 1:4-5** For we know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you, because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction. You know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake. ... // **Ephesians 1:13-14** In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

¹⁴ **John 14:16-17** And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you. // **Romans 8:12-17** So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him. // **2 Corinthians 3:17-18** Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.

8. The Church.

We believe that by this work of the Holy Spirit, Jesus calls and saves people into His church: A collective family, the new temple of God, and the unified body to which He alone is the head.¹⁵ We believe that by the power of the Holy Spirit, that body of Christ has been entrusted with and empowered to carry out Jesus' mission on earth: To present His gospel of salvation to everyone, and to bring all believers to spiritual maturity in Him.¹⁶

¹⁵ Ephesians 2:19-22, 1 Corinthians 3:16, Colossians 1:18

¹⁶ Acts 1:7-8, Colossians 1:28, 1 Corinthians 12:4-7, Ephesians 4:11-16

¹⁵ **Ephesians 2:19-22** So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit. // **1 Corinthians 3:16** Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? // **Colossians 1:18** And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent.

¹⁶ **Acts 1:7-8** He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." // **Colossians 1:28** Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ. // **1 Corinthians 12:4-7** Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. // **Ephesians 4:11-16** And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

9. The Future Glory.

We believe Jesus rose bodily from the tomb on the third day after his death and burial, and that He is now seated and reigning at the right hand of the Father in heaven.¹⁷ He will come again visibly and victoriously in the fullness of time to complete His conquest of sin, evil and death. At that time, those who have rejected Him will be excluded from His blessings, to live apart from God eternally, in hell; Those who have trusted in Jesus will receive eternal life in God's presence, in His glorious Kingdom of Heaven.¹⁸ We believe that just as Jesus rose bodily, so too we will be raised bodily, and that as His people we will dwell in a whole new creation where there will be no more sin, evil, sickness, suffering, sadness or death – in His living presence – the best possible world.¹⁹

¹⁷ Acts 13:29-31, Romans 8:34

¹⁸ 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17, 2 Thessalonians 1:7-10, John 3:36, John 3:16-18, John 5:24,28-29, Matthew 25:46, Luke 12:5

¹⁹ 1 Corinthians 15, Revelation 21:1-4

¹⁷ **Acts 13:29-31** And when they had carried out all that was written of him, they took him down from the tree and laid him in a tomb. But God raised him from the dead, and for many days he appeared to those who had come up with him from Galilee to Jerusalem, who are now his witnesses to the people. // **Romans 8:34** Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.

¹⁸ **1 Thessalonians 4:16-17** For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. // **2 Thessalonians 1:7-10** ... and to grant relief to you who are afflicted as well as to us, when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with his mighty angels in flaming fire, inflicting vengeance on those who do not know God and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. They will suffer the punishment of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his might, when he comes on that day to be glorified in his saints, and to be marvelled at among all who have believed, because our testimony to you was believed. // **John 3:36** Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him. // **John 3:16-18** For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. // **John 5:24,28-29** Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life; Do not marvel at this, for an hour is coming when all who are in the tombs will hear his voice and come out, those who have done good to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil to the resurrection of judgment. // **Matthew 25:46** And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.

¹⁹ **1 Corinthians 15, e.g. v.42-44** So is it with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable; what is raised is imperishable. It is sown in dishonour; it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness; it is raised in power. It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body; **e.g. v.53-55** For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality. When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written: "Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?" // **Revelation 21:1-4** Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."