

Life Sustained

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Life Sustained Statement of Belief

1. Man

We believe man was created innocent and in the image and likeness of God (Genesis 1:27). However, through sin, man brought both physical and spiritual death to himself and his descendants (Genesis 2:17; 3:19). Because of this, mankind can do nothing to merit God's favor and is in desperate need of salvation (Isaiah 59:1–2; Romans 6:23).

We believe that mankind's sinful nature is inherently rebellious toward God and His good design for life and worship (Romans 1:20–24; Ephesians 2:1–3). This rebellion distorts the understanding of good and evil, brings harm to people, and ultimately leads to judgment, despair, and death (Genesis 1:31; Galatians 5:16–21; 1 Corinthians 6:19–20; James 1:13–15).

We believe God created mankind in His image, forming each person in the womb from conception (Psalm 139:13–16; Isaiah 44:2; 49:5; Jeremiah 1:4–5) until the point of death when they breathe their last (Genesis 25:8; Luke 23:46). God assigns gender as male (man) and female (woman), creating them sexually and biologically distinct, yet equal in dignity and value (Genesis 1:26–28).

We believe that God ordained marriage as a lifelong covenant union between one man and one woman (Genesis 2:18; Matthew 19:4–9; Ephesians 5:31–33). Those who accept and live within God's design for sex, biological gender, and marriage experience the blessing of His good order (Psalm 1:1–3; Psalm 128:1–4).

We believe that even in our rebellion, God loves and pursues mankind (Romans 5:8). He offers forgiveness, healing, and abundant life to all who turn to Him in humility and faith (John 3:17; John 10:10; Titus 3:3–7; 1 Peter 5:6–7).

2. Salvation

We believe salvation is the sovereign gift of God, received through personal faith in Jesus Christ and His sacrifice for sin. Man is justified by grace through faith apart from works (Acts 13:38–39; Romans 6:23; Ephesians 2:8–10).

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We believe Jesus Christ is the only way of salvation, and no one can be saved apart from a conscious and personal decision to trust in Him as Lord and Savior (John 10:27–30).

3. The Christian Walk

We believe all believers are called to live in holiness, walking not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit (Romans 8:5–14). Through the power of the indwelling Holy Spirit, Christians are able to resist the desires of the flesh and live in a way that honors Christ (Galatians 5:16–23).

We believe the flesh, with its fallen Adamic nature, is never fully eradicated in this life and remains present until the end of our earthly pilgrimage. Therefore, the believer must continually submit to Christ, keeping the flesh under the Spirit's control. Only through this daily surrender can we avoid dishonoring our Lord and instead walk in true fellowship, holiness, and joy (Romans 6:11–13; Ephesians 4:22–24; Colossians 2:1–10; 1 Peter 1:14–16; 1 John 1:4–7; 3:5–9).

4. The Great Commission

We believe it is the explicit command of our Lord Jesus Christ that those whom He has saved are sent into the world just as He was sent by His Father (John 17:18). After salvation, Christians are called to live as strangers and pilgrims, ambassadors and witnesses, whose primary purpose is to make Christ known to the whole world through faithful witness and disciple-making (Matthew 28:18–19; Acts 1:8; 2 Corinthians 5:18–20; 1 Peter 1:17; 2:11).

5. The Second Coming

We believe in the future, visible, bodily return of Jesus Christ to earth—commonly called the Second Coming—when He will rule the nations and establish His eternal kingdom.

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Closing Affirmation

These beliefs form the foundation of Life Sustained's mission and ministry. They guide how we serve individuals, families, and communities—calling all people to the hope, healing, and abundant life found only in Jesus Christ.