



**FAITH OF OUR FATHERS – Part 4**  
**OUR STATEMENT OF FAITH**  
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**Our Faith and Message**

**The Scriptures**

The Holy Bible was written by men divinely inspired and is God's revelation of Himself to man. It has God for its author, salvation for its end, and truth, without any mixture of error, for its matter. It reveals the principles by which God judges us, and therefore is, and will remain to the end of the world, the true center of Christian union, and the supreme standard by which all human conduct, creeds, and religious opinions should be tried. All Scripture is a testimony to Christ, who is himself the focus of divine revelation.

*For the word of the Lord holds **true**, and everything he does is worthy of our **trust**.* Psalm 33:4 (NLT)

**How do we know the Bible is truth worthy of trust?**

1. Revelation

*And so I will show my greatness and my holiness, and I will make myself known in the sight of many nations. Then they will know that I am the LORD.* Ezekiel 38:23 (NIV)

2. Inspiration

*All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It straightens us out and teaches us to do what is right.* 2 Timothy 3:16 (NLT)

3. Illumination

*Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.* Psalm 119:105 (NIV)

**How do you turn the light on?**

1. Deeply love God's Word.

*How I love your teachings! I think about them all day long.* Psalm 119:97 (NCV)

*For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God.* 1 Peter 1:23 (NIV)

2. Spiritually understand God's Word.

God makes me ABLE to understand the Bible.  
*(1 Corinthians 2:12-15)*

God makes me RESPONSIBLE for understanding the Bible.  
*(John 2:20, 27)*

3. Accurately handle God's Word.

*Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth.* 2 Timothy 2:15 (NAS)

4. Personally study God's Word.

*Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom...* Colossians 3:16 (NIV)

5. Actively live God's Word.

*Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.* James 1:22 (NIV)