



# DAYBREAK UNIVERSITY

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## Faith Statement

Daybreak University is dedicated to providing a value-based education with a vision grounded in Christian social teachings. Students are encouraged to explore how faith and reason are compatible in education, and to develop strong moral convictions.

**The Bible:** We say that the Bible is vital to our faith and life. The Bible is a collection of sixty-six books, thirty nine in the Old Testament (or Hebrew Bible) and twenty-seven in the New Testament. We say that God speaks to us through the Bible and that it contains all things necessary for salvation.

**The Trinity:** When we say the Apostles' Creed, we join with millions of Christians through the ages in an understanding of God as a Trinity—three persons in one: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. God, who is one, is revealed in three distinct persons.

**The Son:** We believe in Jesus as God's special child. We call this the Incarnation, meaning that God was in the world in the actual person of Jesus of Nazareth.

**The Holy Spirit:** The Spirit is mentioned often throughout the Bible. In Genesis a "wind from God swept over the face of the waters," as if taking part in the Creation (1:2). Today we continue to experience God's breath, God's Spirit. As one of our creeds puts it, "We believe in the Holy Spirit, God present with us for guidance, for comfort, and for strength."

**Redemption:** The substitutionary and redemptive sacrifice of Jesus Christ for the sin of the world, through His literal physical death, burial, and resurrection, followed by His bodily ascension into heaven.

**Salvation:** Personal salvation from the eternal penalty of sin provided solely by the grace of God on the basis of the atoning death and resurrection of Christ, to be received only through personal faith in His person and work.

**Last Things:** The future, personal, bodily return of Jesus Christ to the earth to judge and purge sin, to establish His eternal Kingdom, and to consummate and fulfill His purposes in the works of creation and redemption with eternal rewards and punishments.

**Biblical Creation:** We believe that God created human beings in God's image. We believe that all humans need to be in relationship with God in order to be fully human. Special creation of the existing space-time universe and all its basic systems and kinds of organisms in the six literal days of the creation week.

**Christian Faith:** Christian faith is, in part, a matter of hoping. We believe in and trust the Lord of the future, and we lean into the future that God has promised. God goes before us, beckoning us into the new world that is already being created, calling us to join in the challenging work of fashioning it. Our hope is in the Lord of all creation and all history -God who is still in charge and is actively at work transforming the world.

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