

Statement of Faith

As a Christian, a follower of Christ, the most foundational and peace-giving truth is that God is our Father—and not a distant or distracted Father—a good, good, Father, and it is only because of Jesus that I can even access or claim such a relationship. Through Christ, God has redeemed me for his purpose and will continue to use me for as long as he gives me breath.

Because I grew up in a pastor's home where God was revered, and my family was committed to the Lord, I can look back and see how His love compelled me to run into the Kingdom as a child—and though I wrestled with God in my youth at times—even in disobedience—he was gracious to grow my faith as the winds of his Spirit kept my heart tender for Him. In the University years, the Lord furnished me with a vision to serve him through music and the arts. My seminary years gave me better tools and strategy to use those gifts wherever the Lord puts me.

I also have a deep interest in family history that has led me to discover deep wells of faith and faithfulness in my own family's history. I am strongly convinced that my life and path is, in part, the fruit of the prayers of my family: immediate and distant. I also feel this to be true because it has been planted in my own heart for years to pray for a Godly legacy in my own family. (Indeed, it is the shared request and desire of my wife and I to see that granted to us in our lifetime.) It is being a father to my children, however, that has been the greatest gift—not only for the obvious reasons for being a Dad, but for the insight God has allowed me to take in; that although I may strive to me a good Father, He is all that and even more.

And though my theological foundation is indebted to the work done before me in the greater family of faith—works like the Apostle & Nicene Creeds, The Westminster Confession, or The Baptist Faith and Message (2000)—I am most thankful for the Word of God. For though the grass may wither and flowers fade, but the Word our God will stand forever.

*What is our hope in life and death?
Christ alone, Christ alone
What is our only confidence?
That our souls to him belong.*

*Who holds our days within his hand?
What comes, apart from his command?
And what will keep us to the end?
The love of Christ, in which we stand.*