

Statement of Faith - Robert (Bob) Henry

Let's start at the end, of life that is. I believe we are saved by the Grace of God, and it is only through that Grace that we have everlasting life. There is nothing on this earth that you can do or say to make it possible, other than having Faith.

I believe in the Holy Trinity – God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit, three in one. I believe they are all united to lead us on our journey of this thing we call life here on Earth. While we are never saved by what we do here, we are here for a purpose, and God, Jesus, the Holy Spirit will guide us to the purpose, and help us fulfill that purpose if we just have the Faith in them to do so.

I believe in the words of the Apostles Creed. That they are real words, meaningful words, that they are not just words we recite on Sunday like robots. They are to be taken seriously and recited with reverence. I believe that the Bible is our guidebook, the Word bought to us through the ages. It is and always will be our connection to those who have heard from God, lived with the Lord, and touched by the Holy Spirit.

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I believe I am what some would refer to as a “New Testament” type Christian. I believe everything changed with the coming of Christ. He made it possible for ALL humankind to be able to achieve everlasting life. It was through his birth, his life, his death and resurrection that our sins can be forgiven. But in return we need to live the life that he showed us, or at least to the best of our ability. No one is perfect on this Earth, we are all sinners, we all fall short of the glory of God. But we must make the effort to seek that sanctification.

It is for this reason that I try to live by two very simple passages from the Bible. The first is James 1:27 (NIV) “Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after the orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.”

The second is Matthew 25:40 “The King will reply, truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me”

I believe we can only achieve that great sanctification given through the Grace of our Lord is to live by His example. To Love our God with all our might, and to love one another as we love ourselves. We must look and care after those who are down and out in their lives. This is the duty of the Church as a whole.

I believe in the Holy Sacraments, we are Baptized into the Church, (not a Church, The Church), the body of Christ. There we shall nurture our souls, learning and living the ways of The Church, taking part of all of the Sacraments laid out to us by the Lord our God, not simply as a motion, but with devotion to the Lord our God. These things should not be entered into lightly, but with strong Faith and Love for God.

By the Grace of God, Bob Henry