



Statement of Faith

This ministry was born supernaturally. On the side of a busy highway, kneeling beside her unconscious son, Retha McPherson met the Eternal God for whom nothing is impossible. Their journey was supernatural from the very first step.

Retha and her family were involved in a near-fatal motorcar accident in 2004. Her eldest son Aldo was the only person who did not walk away from the accident scene. He sustained serious brain injuries due to the impact of the collision and was in a coma for months following the accident. During that time Aldo had a supernatural experience where he went to heaven, saw God, the angels, Moses and Abraham. Aldo came back with one message: **"Jesus is alive!"**

In obedience to this call to tell the world that Jesus is alive and that His bride has to ready herself for the Bridegroom, Aldo and Retha wrote a book titled *A Message from God*.

Retha is a Christian Public Speaker and travels around the world with this same message. She is now in full-time ministry.

Regarding the *Statement of Faith* of Retha McPherson Ministries, we have addressed the questions that we feel are the pillars of our own faith. Here is what you can expect from Retha McPherson Ministries:

Foundation:

Jesus is alive!

*'If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word;
and My Father will love him,
and We will come to him and make Our home with him.'*
(John 14:23)

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"Because He lives – I can face tomorrow. I have learned that every breath and every new day is **GRACE** from God. Through Jesus, God has made a way for me (and for you) to enter into His presence, and boldly come before the throne of Grace. Here I have found everything I need to live a life of abundance, walking by faith and not by sight. The Holy Spirit of God (His precious Ruach Ha'Kodesh) is my Comforter and Wisdom from God and He teaches me and helps me overcome every test and trial. Jesus Christ is the Cornerstone of my life; through Him, I cry Abba Father to the Eternal God - the Creator of heaven and earth. The Word of God is the foundation of truth whereupon I build my life. And by the GRACE of God, the Lord will finish what He started in me – a life of praise unto the King!" – Retha.

The One true God:

"For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised, He is to be reverently feared and worshiped above all [so-called] gods. For all the gods of the nations are [lifeless] idols, but the Lord made the heavens. Honor and majesty are before Him; strength and beauty are in His sanctuary (Psalm 96:4-6, AMP)."

The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob is the only living God, for whom nothing is impossible. He created the heavens and the earth, He breathed life-giving breath into Adam and mankind, He cut covenant with Abraham, and through the perfect sacrifice of His Son, Jesus Christ, He reconciled the world to Himself (2 Cor. 5:19). There is none beside Him. Yahweh is Lord.

Jesus of Nazareth:

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life (John 3:16)."

The Bible has many names by which the Messiah is described, and Jesus is the perfect fulfillment of all of them. Yes – Jesus of Nazareth is the only begotten Son of God. He is the Way and the Truth and the Life, and the only way to the Father. He is the Lion of Judah and the Lamb that was slain for the sins of the world – and through His offering, all those who receive it by faith (who believe in their heart and proclaim with their lips that Jesus is Lord), will be saved. He is the Light of the world. He is Immanuel – God with us. He is not only Savior, but also Lord – and He is the King of kings.

Holy Spirit:

"But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth; for He will not speak on His own initiative, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come." (John 16:13).

The Holy Spirit is our ever present Comforter, Counselor, Helper, Advocate, Intercessor, Strengthened, Standby and Wisdom from God. Holy Spirit is the spirit of God, sent to help us overcome every trial and test of life, to live as a holy people for a holy God.

The Holy Bible:

"Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." (Psalm 119:105)

The foundation of God's throne is righteousness and justice (Psalm 89:14), and the Holy Bible is the only measurement-line to conduct our lives by, in order to walk according to

God's righteousness and justice. The Holy Bible is the written Word of God – it is the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth.

Divine Healing:

Scripture upon scripture in the Bible testifies of supernatural healings by the hand of God. God is the same yesterday, today, and forever – and therefore we firmly believe that divine healing is part of the walk of faith. In Mark 16:17 Jesus in says to His disciples: *“And these attesting signs will accompany those who believe: in My name they will drive out demons, they will speak in new languages, they will pick up serpents, and if they drink anything deadly, it will not hurt them, **they will lay their hands on the sick and they will get well...**”* Based on these words, and faith in the One who spoke them, we believe God uses people as His vessels to minister divine healing. In every miracle, deliverance, healing, and restoration all honor, glory and praise belong only the One who made it possible – Jesus, because by His wounds we are healed!

Water Baptism:

*“Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Men and brethren, what shall we do?” Then Peter said to them, “**Repent**, and let every one of you **be baptized** in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit” (Acts 2: 37-38).*

According to this scripture, **repentance** is a key step to being **baptized**. Repentance is when you turn away from sin towards God, and this decision each person needs to make for themselves – no one else can do it for you.

Aldo once wrote: *God can only change what you give Him.* This is so true, especially for your most important possession – your heart.

“We were buried therefore with Him by the baptism into death, so that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glorious power of the Father, so we too might live and behave in newness of life. For if we have become one with Him by sharing a death like His, we shall also be one with Him in sharing His resurrection [by the new life lived for God]. We know that our old (unrenewed) self was nailed to the cross with Him in order that [our] body [which is the instrument] of sin might be made ineffective and inactive for evil, that we might no longer be the slaves of sin.” (Romans 6:4-6, AMP)

Water-baptism (baptism by emersion), we believe is a declaration into the heavens, indicating laying down the old self and resurrection of the new creation in Christ Jesus, as explained by Paul in Romans 6. It is also a step of faith in obedience to Jesus' last instruction in Matthew 28:18-20:

*“Jesus approached and, breaking the silence, said to them, All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. **God then and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.** Teaching them to observe everything that I have commanded you, and behold, I am with you all the days, to the close and consummation of age. Amen.”*

Water-baptism is a *personal decision* and a *public declaration* of faith in Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and your commitment to obey His commands.

Personal relationship with God:

Jesus paid the full price for our salvation, and tore the veil that separated man from God (Matt. 27:51), so that each person who comes to the Father, through Him, can have an intimate, personal relationship with God.

To grow in this love-relationship John 15:10-17 is vital:

"If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love...This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends. You are My friends if you do whatever I command you. No longer do I call you servants, for a servant does not know what his master is doing, but I have called you friends, for all things that I heard from My Father I have made known to you. You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask the Father in My name He may give you. These things I command you. That you love one another."

Our obedience to the Lord's commands will be a testimony of our love for Him and lead us into a more intimate and deep love relationship with Him. Obedience leads us into holiness.

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