

The Declaration of Dependence

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The United Declaration of Our Family to Completely Depend on Jesus

I. Article 1 – The Fall of Humanity

As revealed within the holy scriptures of the Bible, the One True God is the sole Creator of all things, and He created our world to be good. God created humans in His own image to live in unity with Him as His fruitful representatives on earth. After the fall of humanity, we became in need of salvation when we separated from this Holy God by sin and death. Humans have since lived in a fallen world influenced by spiritual evil, and we've all sinned and fallen short of God's Glory. Apart from God, we cannot secure true salvation or fulfill God's righteous requirements for how He created us to live. Thankfully, God's love for humanity has prevailed despite our rebellion, and God's will to redeem and reunite with us has persisted throughout human history.

II. Article 2 – The Value of Humanity

Therefore, we hold these biblical truths to be self-evident that God loves all humans, and we are equally and unconditionally valuable to God. When He created us in His image, God endowed humanity with the inherent right to freedom of will and the exercise thereof. God created us each with a unique purpose, and we are free to reject or accept God's perfect plan for our lives. Since we did nothing to gain God's love, we cannot do anything to lose God's love. However, we cannot avoid the consequences of our choices, and we do not have the power to pay the wages of our sins. Without God, humans cannot be saved from the bondage of sin, the damnation of eternal death, estrangement from God, the wickedness of this world, and the spiritual forces of evil. God demonstrated His love for humanity by enacting a plan to save us while we were still sinners. This biblically prophesied plan is culminated in and is fulfilled by Jesus, the Son of God.

III. Article 3 – The Salvation of Humanity

God sent Jesus from heaven to earth to be the Savior of the world. Jesus came as a descendant of Abraham, and He is the promised Messiah from the line of King David. While on earth, Jesus perfectly lived in accordance with God's will, fulfilling God's righteous requirements. Even though Jesus knew no sin, He willingly died on the cross to pay the wages of our sins. After being crucified and buried, Jesus conquered sin and death when He rose to life on the 3rd day. Beyond His resurrection, Jesus ascended into heaven, where He sits at the right hand of Father God, interceding for us. By His grace, God offers true salvation in Jesus for all humans who trust in Him. Only through Jesus Christ can we have God's gift of eternal life, the forgiveness of sins, abundant life, unity with God, power over spiritual evil, true righteousness, freedom from bondage, complete redemption, and the right to be dear children of the Living God.

IV. Article 4 – The Uniqueness of Jesus

Regarding this Jesus, we believe every claim made by Him and about Him within the holy scriptures of the Bible is true. These biblical scriptures are the inspired written word of God, who is One with Jesus.

The Nature of Jesus

Being uniquely and eternally One with God, Jesus is God by nature. Being born of a virgin woman, Jesus is human by nature. Jesus is the Son of Man and the Son of God. Jesus is the Holy One of God, the Anointed One of God, and the only Way to God. Jesus is the Resurrection, the Life, and the Door of Salvation. Jesus is the Word of God, the Wisdom of God, and the Power of God. Jesus is the One Who Is, the One Who Was, and the One Who Is to Come. Jesus is the Truth, and Jesus is Lord. Jesus is the First & the Last, the Alpha & the Omega, and the Beginning & the End. Jesus is the exact image of the Most High God, who is the Great I AM.

The Status of Jesus

Jesus is the Sovereign Lord of Lords, the Lord of All Creation, and the Lord of Glory. Jesus is the Lord of Peace, the Lord of the Harvest, and the Lord of the Sabbath. Jesus is the Sovereign King of Kings, the King of Heaven, and the King of Righteousness. Jesus is the King of the Ages, the King of the Nations, and the Rightful King of Israel. Jesus is the Lion from the tribe of Judah, the Root of King David, and the One True Christ. Jesus is the Good Shepherd, the Lamb of God, and the Holy High Priest. Jesus is the Great Teacher and the Wonderful Counselor. Jesus is the Righteous Judge and the Commander of God's army. Jesus is the Bread of Life who gives living water. Jesus is the Light of the World who gives the light of life. Jesus is the One with all authority in heaven and on earth. Jesus is the Almighty, and His eternal reign is inevitable.

The Attributes of Jesus

Jesus is truly righteous, and He is unchangeable. Jesus is good all the time, and all the time, Jesus is good. The abilities of Jesus are limitless, and the wisdom of Jesus is matchless. The attitude of Jesus is godly, and the character of Jesus is pure. The word of Jesus is enough, and the grace of Jesus is sufficient. Jesus is perfect in love, He is filled with joy, He is the wellspring of peace, He has everlasting patience, and He has enduring kindness. Jesus has incorruptible goodness, and His faithfulness is unparalleled. Jesus has unwavering gentleness, and His self-control is resolute. Jesus is entirely truthful, majestically graceful, imperially powerful, and impartially merciful. Jesus is deeply compassionate, incredibly humble, flawlessly just, and uniquely unprecedented.

The Ministry of Jesus

The teachings of Jesus are fundamental to true theology, and His ministry transforms those who receive Him. Jesus is the way to true life, and He is the true way to life. Jesus heals the sick, forgives sinners, discharges debtors, and delivers those in captivity. Jesus serves the unfortunate, comforts the sorrowful, defends the feeble, empowers the persecuted, blesses the young, and He regards the old. Jesus sympathizes and saves anyone who calls out to Him. Jesus guards and guides all who trust in Him. Jesus strengthens and sustains everyone who

remains in Him. Jesus gives humility to those who are strong and courage to those who are weak. Jesus gives life to the lifeless, and He is the hope for the hopeless. Jesus offers guidance to the wise, wisdom to the foolish, direction for the lost, purpose for the wealthy, true treasure to the poor, and freedom to those in bondage. Jesus provides rest to the weary and peace to those who are suffering. Jesus redeems the stolen, and He restores the broken. Jesus is the only one who qualifies to be the all-sufficient Savior, giving eternal and abundant life to all who believe in Him.

Through these biblical truths and unique revelations of Jesus, His absolute dependability is evident. Jesus demonstrated His love for humanity by dying on the cross for us. Jesus demonstrated His supremacy over the grave by resurrecting from the dead and ascending to our Father God in heaven.

V. Article 5 – Our Declaration of Faith

Therefore, it is suitable and wise for humanity to place complete faith in Jesus, but He will not infringe on our freedom of will regarding that decision. As for our family, we willfully choose to serve Jesus by investing and resting all our faith, hope, and trust in Jesus Christ alone. By the empowerment of God, the Holy Spirit, this is our Declaration of Dependence on Jesus. We declare that we will trust in the Lord Jesus with all our hearts. We declare that we will forsake our own understanding while embracing the truth and wisdom of Jesus. We declare that we will acknowledge Jesus in all our ways. We confess that we can do nothing without Jesus, but through Jesus, we can do all things. Therefore, we choose to depend on Jesus for everything.

VI. Article 6 – Our Proclamations of Dependency on Jesus

1. For our spiritual and personal well-being, we will Depend on Jesus. For our mental, emotional, and physical well-being, we will Depend on Jesus. For the health of our relationships, we will Depend on Jesus.
2. **We will Depend on Jesus for all we have. We will Depend on Jesus for all we desire to have.**
3. When faced with temptation, we will Depend on Jesus. If we fail to overcome temptation, we will Depend on Jesus. If we succeed in overcoming temptation, we will Depend on Jesus.
4. **During times of need, we will Depend on Jesus. During times of abundance, we will Depend on Jesus.**
 5. In our joy, we will Depend on Jesus. In our sorrow, we will Depend on Jesus.
6. **When we feel courageous, comfortable, composed, and certain, we will Depend on Jesus. When we feel fearful, overwhelmed, embarrassed, or doubtful, we will Depend on Jesus.**
7. If we struggle with sin, we will Depend on Jesus. When we are delivered from a sinful struggle, we will Depend on Jesus. If someone sins against us, we will Depend on Jesus.
8. **Through pain or pleasure, in loneliness or during fellowship, while feeling discouraged or encouraged, we will Depend on Jesus.**
9. When we feel confused, anxious, or insecure, we will Depend on Jesus. When we have clarity, peace, and confidence, we will Depend on Jesus.
10. **Despite our gains & losses, our defeats & accomplishments, our successes & failures, we will Depend on Jesus.**
11. While seeking love, truth, and wisdom, we will Depend on Jesus. While embracing our unique purpose and our God-given identity, we will Depend on Jesus.
12. **Against all the spiritual forces of evil, we will Depend on Jesus. As we pursue our Christ-given missions, we will Depend on Jesus.**

In any area and through every circumstance, we proclaim our dependence on the Lord Jesus Christ as the Holy Spirit enables us. By completely depending on Jesus, we know we are complete in Him. We choose to be strengthened by the Lord and the Power of His Might to stand firm against all forms of spiritual evil. In Christ, we will remain equipped with the full armor of God to resist the enemy's deceptions. Therefore, we will Depend on Jesus to Depend on Jesus.

VII. Article 7 – Our Prayer of Dependence

Dear Father in Heaven, You alone are the One True God, and we honor Your Name as holy. We worship You for who You are and praise You for all You do. Thank You for sending Your Son Jesus, through whom we have eternal and abundant life as Your dear children. Let Your will be done through us on earth as it is done through Your servants in heaven. Provide us with what we need today so we may participate in Your perfect plan. Lead us according to Your will for the sake of Your Kingdom. Forgive our sins and teach us to forgive those who sin against us. Deliver us from the evil one, and guard us against his malicious schemes.

Lord God, You are the Holy Spirit of Truth, and we welcome You to guide us in all truth. Bless our declaration to depend on Jesus Christ as Lord over every area of our lives. Likewise, encourage all who read or hear this declaration to also depend on Jesus every day and in every way. Lord Jesus, You are our home, so we cannot be lost if we remain in You as You remain in us. O Righteous Father God, we submit ourselves to You and surrender all we have to You. For the Kingdom, the Power, and the Glory are forever Yours—all things will forever belong to You. In the mighty Name of Jesus, we pray by the leading of Your Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Date & Signatories
