



MDI Statement of Faith

While we come from diverse spiritual backgrounds, our desire is to be unified around the most important element of the faith – the person of the Lord Jesus Christ. The following presents the spiritual tenets of Missions Development International:

We believe the Bible to be the inspired, the only infallible, authoritative Word of God ([2 Timothy 3:16-17](#)).

We believe there is one God eternally existent in three persons: the Father, Jesus Christ the Son, and the Holy Spirit ([Matthew 28:19](#)).

We believe in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, who existed as God before anything was created ([John 1:1](#)), in His virgin birth ([Matthew 1:23](#)), in His sinless life ([Matthew 1:23](#)), in His miracles, in His substitutionary and atoning death through His shed blood ([1 Peter 2:24](#)), in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father ([1 Corinthians 15:3-8](#)), in His present ministry of intercession for us ([Hebrews 7:24-25](#)) and in His personal return in power and glory ([Matthew 24:30](#)). He is the world's only Savior and is the Lord of all ([John 14:6](#), [Acts 4:12](#), [Isaiah 45:21-23](#)).

We believe that for the salvation of lost and sinful man, regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential and that this salvation is received through faith in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, and is not a result of good works. ([Ephesians 2: 8-10](#))

We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit, by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a godly life and able to perform good works ([1 Corinthians 3:16](#), [Romans 8:14](#), [James 2:17, 26](#)).

We believe that Heaven is the abode of God and the place of eternal joy for the saved and that Hell is the place of eternal separation from God for the lost. ([Matthew 25: 31-46](#))

We believe the next great event of human history will be the personal return of Jesus Christ. This is the blessed hope for which all those who love Christ yearn. While the exact time of Christ's return is unknown, it is imminent and certain. ([Matthew 24-25](#); [1 Thessalonians 4:13-18](#))