



Operation Inasmuch, Inc.

Statement of Faith

As a Christian ministry, Operation Inasmuch, Inc. offers a limited Statement of Faith as one of the principle ways of defining who we are and what we believe God has called us to do and to be. While this Statement is not an exhaustive, detailed theological treatise in that it addresses only the areas of biblical teaching that relate most directly to the work of the ministry, it is intended nevertheless to establish our identity so that individuals and congregations may understand that identity and relate to and/or work with Operation Inasmuch, Inc. as their conscience dictates.

Scriptures

Operation Inasmuch, Inc. believes that the Bible is the primary authority for faith and practice. Inspired by God, the Bible is still relevant and completely sufficient as it helps understand God's love and purpose for our lives.

Jesus Christ

Operation Inasmuch, Inc. believes that Jesus of Nazareth is the one and only Son of God, fully God and fully man, whose death was a sacrifice for our sins. Through the death and resurrection of Jesus, we are made right with God and are able to live an abundant life. We believe the New Testament calls all people to submit to the authority of Jesus as God's final word on right living. We believe that Jesus calls his followers to follow his example in ministering to the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of people as set forth in Luke 4, Matthew 25, and elsewhere in the Scriptures.

The Church

Operation Inasmuch, Inc. believes that the church is the body of Christ, an extension of Christ's life and ministry in the world today. We believe the work of the church is to carry on the proclamation of the gospel and compassion ministry begun by Jesus himself. We further believe that compassion ministry is a form of gospel proclamation and should, wherever possible, include a clear witness to the saving work of Jesus Christ. We believe the Christian lifestyle is best lived in the context of a New Testament church, a group of Jesus followers who practice the sacraments of baptism and the Lord's Supper, and follow orthodox practices including marriage as between one man and one woman, regular prayer and corporate worship, stewardship and mutual support of fellow believers.