

Dawn Person
Statement of Faith

I believe in the trinity, God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit, three in one. God created the world. He created the earth, sun, stars and moon and all living things on the earth; plants and animals. God created humans in his image. He created everything perfect.

I believe in Jesus, son of God the Father, who was fully human and fully God. Jesus lived on earth for a short time, teaching about God, helping people and performing miracles. He died on the cross, taking upon himself all the sins of the world, was buried and rose again on the third day. He is now in Heaven with God the Father. His death provided justification for us. Jesus will return to judge everyone and every knee will bow and every tongue confess that he is Lord. Jesus is my Lord and Savior.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the guiding spirit that has always been and whom Jesus specifically sent to us after his death. The Holy Spirit opens our hearts and minds to the Word of God, comforts us and teaches us the truth.

We have sinned and our sins create a separation between us and God, with no way to reconcile us with God, except through the blood of Jesus Christ.

I believe the Bible is the holy word of God. I believe God inspired humans to put His Words and thoughts down in writing. The Bible is our "manual" for living, worshiping and treating others. The Bible, through the Holy Spirit's guidance, can convict us of our wrongs and convince us of our calling.

God is omnipotent, all knowing and ever present. We can communicate with God through prayer and he hears and answers all our prayers. His answers to prayer may not be exactly what we want because he knows all and has our best interests in mind when he answers. We also communicate with God through worship. Because He is our Lord, our Savior, our King, our Redeemer, we worship him for all he has done. Our worship can be corporate or individual, silent or loud, sung, whispered, or shouted. The church was created for corporate worship and following Jesus' command to go out to all the world and tell the Good News.

We worship with sacraments that remind us of our relationship with God. The sacraments of baptism and the Lord's Supper are very important in the life of a Christian. Baptism is a sign and seal of God's grace, as we recognize we belong to God. We are baptized only once, but can be reminded of our baptism and what it means often. The Lord's Supper is celebrated often and is a reminder of the sacrifice that Jesus Christ made on the cross for us, a reminder of the heavenly home Jesus has provided through his sacrifice, prompting us to worship and thank God for his love and drawing us into God's presence.