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Statement of Faith

I believe there is only one God who eternally exists in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. I believe in God, creator of heaven and earth, and I purpose to worship God in Spirit and in Truth. I worship Him through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and in the communion and guidance of the Holy Spirit.

I trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God, as my Lord and Savior. Jesus proclaimed the kingdom of God, preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives. Christ taught by word and deed and went about blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, uplifting outcasts, forgiving sinners, and urging all to repent and believe the gospel. We are called to model these same actions in following Him.

Unjustly condemned, Jesus was crucified and gave his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, overcoming the powers of death and sin, and delivering us from death to have life eternal.

I believe Jesus Christ is God, I believe in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His death that paid for our sin through His shed blood. I believe in His bodily resurrection, His ascension and in His second advent. I believe that knowing Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, and the corresponding renewal of the Holy Spirit, is the path to salvation for individuals who are lost.

I believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit, who lives within and guides believers in Christ. The Holy Spirit enables us to live godly lives. I believe in eternal life, and that through belief in Jesus Christ as the Son of God, we spend eternity with the Lord in Heaven. I believe in the spiritual unity of believers in our Lord Jesus Christ and that all believers are members of His body, the Church.

I believe in the Bible, God's message to his people. The Scriptures bear witness to the Word of God, revealed most fully in Jesus Christ. Where the Word is read and proclaimed; Jesus is present. Preaching God's Word is a holy thing.

I believe that God created all human beings in His image. We must honor the physical and spiritual needs of all people; following Christ's example, I believe that every person should be treated with love, dignity and respect.

I believe that Jesus gave us two Sacraments that He Himself participated in: Baptism and the Lord's Supper. Baptism is the sign and seal of our acceptance into the Body of Christ and the fellowship of believers. Baptism is the symbol of His grace and God's call to us to respond to that grace. The Lord's Supper is our sign and seal of our communion with our risen Lord. The Lord's Supper is a sign of God's covenant, it is a profound expression of God's love in sacramental form. It is a wonderfully affirming act to share the Lord's Supper in the community of Believers.

As I await the promise of the world to come; I purpose to use my efforts to work for Him now.