

## Statement of Faith

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I was taught from an early age that God loves me enough to send God's son, Jesus Christ, to save me from my sins and I believe this with all that I am. I believe in the Triune God.

I believe in God our creator, the I AM who appeared to Moses in the burning bush.

I believe in Jesus Christ who was sent to save me from my sins.

I believe in the Holy Spirit who works within me and through me.

I am in awe everyday of the Creator that is able to so intricately piece together the creation that surrounds me. From the immense detail and thought that was put into the inner workings of our bodies to the symbiotic relationship of all living things on earth, the evidence of God is shown. I believe that our God is so powerful and immense that it is not possible for me to describe this all powerful being. I believe that God sent God's one and only son, God's right hand, to come to earth and experience life as we do. I believe that Jesus is fully divine and fully human. Jesus was born into a situation that was not glorious or fantastic, as we would expect of the son of God, but as a humble baby in the loving arms of young parents. I believe that Jesus was sent to earth to understand all the complexities of being a human, from temptation and fear to joy and happiness. I believe that through the experience of being both divine and human, God has shown us that God understands all the complexities of free will that we have to navigate.

For me, my faith and my spiritual journey are focused on relationships. My relationship with the Triune God is unique and extraordinary for me. God is calling me into relationship with God and with those that I meet on a daily basis. I am called to live out God's love for all of creation. My differences with others are meant to be celebrated, respected and honored in the spirit of Jesus' example and love. I am grateful for the relationship that God wants with me and encourages me to seek out with God's creation. Through the movement of the Holy Spirit in my life, I am able to experience God in my everyday relationships.

I believe that Jesus died on the cross to save me from my sins. Through Jesus Christ's death we are given a freedom from sin that we have not earned nor deserve. I believe that the pain and suffering that Jesus accepted and endured was for me. I believe that Jesus died for me in order to wash his blood and self sacrifice over my own personal sins and the sins of the world.