

Statement of Faith

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1 I believe that there is one God, Who exists eternally as the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit.
2 Each Person of the Godhead is distinct in themselves yet uniquely one in substance. The
3 Triune God is the ultimate Creator, Sustainer and Savior of all things material and spiritual
4 and is sovereign over all His creation.
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6 I believe that Jesus Christ is the eternal second Person of the Godhead, the Son, Who has
7 existed in all eternity with the Father. He was humanly conceived by the Holy Spirit and was
8 born of the virgin Mary. In the incarnation, Christ voluntarily and simultaneously gave up
9 independent access to His divine attributes, by taking on full humanity, which He had
10 previously not been, while remaining fully God. I believe that Jesus lived the perfectly
11 obedient life all of humanity was called to live and died the death that sinful humanity
12 deserves to die, both by requirements of the Law. He did not stay dead, but after three days
13 was raised from the dead and ascended into Heaven where He sits now at the right hand of
14 God the Father.
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16 I believe there is a problem for all humanity, in that all persons are inescapably diseased and
17 plagued in their rebellion against God, initially introduced in the decision of Adam and Eve.
18 This disease brought on physical and spiritual death, separation from God and alienation
19 from Him and others. People are inherently corrupt and completely unable to save themselves
20 or to please God, except by God's interceding mercy and grace.
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22 I believe that there is a solution to this problem, in that salvation comes from God alone in
23 His sovereignty when He chooses to rescue humans from their sin and restore them to a right
24 relationship with Himself. God's choice is not dictated or swayed by human merit or foreseen
25 faith, rather His choice is based solely on His mercy and grace.
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27 I believe Holy Scripture is the written word of God, inspired by the Holy Spirit, sufficient to
28 guide and govern The Church in all matters of faith and practice. Comprised of both the Old
29 and New Testaments, It is the living revelation of God's timeless truth and the whole of
30 redemptive history of man as well as the hope of the return of Christ. The Holy Scripture, by
31 the power of the Holy Spirit, is efficient and capable in and of Itself to transform and replace
32 the human heart.
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34 I believe the One Universal Christian Church is the community of God's redeemed people,
35 who have been given faith in Christ for their salvation. The Church is created by the Holy
36 Spirit to exalt Jesus Christ as Lord of all. The relationships of the redeemed people are the
37 results from their common identity as children that have been adopted into the family of God.
38 This family's mission is, with each other, to give glory to God by going forth to be used as
39 instruments of God's grace, by the Holy Spirit, to those in desperate need of God's grace.
40 This mission ends only when Christ Himself comes back to reign as King of all eternity.
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42 I believe the Sacraments that the Lord Jesus has gifted and entrusted His Church, by the
43 power of the Holy Spirit, are Baptism and the Lord's Supper. The gift of baptism provides
44 the Church an opportunity to celebrate God's saving work by acknowledging and reflecting
45 the whole range of God's renewing activity in the life of individuals and the Church. I
46 believe that the gift of Lord's Supper is celebrated by the Church in remembrance of the
47 death of Jesus Christ as well as the pardon accompanied to the Church through His death. I
48 believe that at the Holy Communion there is a spiritual presence of the crucified and risen
49 Lord with His Bride, the Church. Believers, in participation of the Holy Communion, are
50 spiritually edified, united and nourished.

