

## A STATEMENT OF FAITH

*based on the Letter to the Hebrews*

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*with citations for study*

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We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ came from God,<sup>4</sup> and was born of Mary<sup>5</sup> to be our brother,<sup>6</sup> God's gift to all humanity.<sup>7</sup> In his life and ministry, he was faithful and obedient, merciful and compassionate,<sup>8</sup> and announced salvation to all through signs and wonders. In love, he accepted suffering for our sin, and gave up his life for us upon the Cross, to make our salvation perfect.<sup>9</sup> In love, God raised him again from the dead,<sup>10</sup> when he was seen alive by all the disciples. He ascended to God's eternal throne and is glorified<sup>11</sup> at the right hand of the Majesty, where he now intercedes for us,<sup>12</sup> and battles against the forces of evil and death.<sup>13</sup>

We believe that with God's power and love, in accordance with his promise, Christ will come again in the same manner in which he was taken up,<sup>14</sup> to receive us and all the faithful into eternal light and rest,<sup>15</sup> and to present a redeemed creation before the Throne of Grace.

And we believe in the presence among us of the Holy Spirit, who was sent<sup>16</sup> as our Counselor, Guide and Advocate, who teaches us all things needful from the Holy Scriptures about Jesus Christ,<sup>17</sup> our salvation and our holy faith<sup>18</sup>; and about the one true Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins and the resurrection to eternal life.<sup>19</sup>

Therefore, since we have a great High Priest who has gone through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess,<sup>20</sup> as an anchor for our souls, firm and secure.<sup>21</sup> Amen.

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### **References:**

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| 1. Deuteronomy 6:4                                   | 8. Hebrews 2:17                         | 15. John 3:36; 14:2-3 |
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| 3. Romans 8:28; Ephesians 1:3-14;<br>2 Timothy 1:8-9 | 10. Romans 10:8-10                      | 17. John 5:39         |
| 4. John 1:1-14, 6:33,46; 17:3                        | 11. John 3:35                           | 18. John 6:29, 47     |
| 5. Matthew 1:18; Luke 2:4-7                          | 12. Romans 8:34; Hebrews 7:25,<br>8:1-2 | 19. John 17:1-3       |
| 6. Hebrews 2:11!                                     | 13. 1 Cor. 15:22-26; 1 John 3:8         | 20. Heb. 4:14         |
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