

My Personal Statement of Faith

I Believe:

1. In God, the Father, Almighty - the creator of the heavens and the earth - who created mankind in His own image, and placed man in Paradise - the Garden of Eden....
2. That Adam and Eve, the man and woman God placed in the garden, rebelled against the merciful provisions and requests of God that required death for disobedience, but they were spared the immediate consequences of their rebellion by the shedding of the blood of an animal to provide a covering. They were expelled from the garden - the way to the garden being shut
3. That, subsequently, God made an eternal covenant with the family of Abraham (the Jews) based on faith. This covenant related to a promised land (the Land of Israel) and a promised Messiah who would come to save the world and establish an eternal Kingdom of God on Earth with the Land of Israel as the capital.
4. That this covenant was confirmed with a descendant of Abraham (King David of Israel), regarding his kingdom and kingly line for ever
5. That Jesus Christ of Nazareth was born by a miraculous birth of a virgin (Mary), a direct descendant of King David, to be the long promised Messiah and future King of Israel
6. That this Jesus was the Son of God who came and ministered to the Nation of Israel, and the surrounding peoples, the Gospel of the Kingdom of God - living a perfect life in accordance with the will of God, something that the first man "Adam" did not do
7. That Jesus' teaching ran contrary to the established human order of the rulers of Israel (the nation He had come to save) and Rome the occupying power
8. That He was crucified - the shedding of His blood being symbolic of the original covering provided by God to the rebellious man and woman in Eden
9. That he rose from the dead on the third day, according to the scriptures, showed himself to his disciples for a period of 40 days and ascended to Heaven to sit at the right hand of God the Father
10. That this same Jesus will return to earth in the last days (according to the scriptures) to re-establish the Kingdom of God on Earth and reign over the house of David forever and at that time he will judge the living and the dead
11. That the capital of this earthly kingdom will be the City of Jerusalem
12. That this kingdom will last for 1,000 years - after which the kingdom will be given up to God - who will become all and in all
13. That the hope of this kingdom is open to all mankind - through Jesus who died for the sins of the world, that he came to save
14. That this salvation is based on faith in the Son of God and His saving grace, and repentance from sin
15. That adult baptism is required as a sign that the merciful requirements of a gracious Lord are understood
16. That there will be a resurrection of the dead - which is the Christian hope of eternal life
17. That the nation of Israel is still God's miracle people and are in their historical land today as a harbinger of God's activity on earth to bring about the long promised Kingdom
18. That the Holy Bible, the Old and New Testaments continue to be the only reliable texts that contain the plan and purpose of God, and were inspired by God's Holy Spirit to be the spiritual guide for all mankind
19. That this book speaks of the restoration of the Garden of Eden as the eternal reward of the faithful and the restoration of harmony between God and the creatures that He created to reflect His glory.