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The longstanding Christian statement of faith includes:

- (1) The Bible to be the inspired Word of God, the final authority in all matters of faith and practice.
- (2) In one God, Creator of all, Sovereign, Eternal and existing in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
- (3) In the deity of Jesus Christ, that Jesus is God's eternal Son who allowed Himself to be born of a virgin, lived a sinless life, atoned for our sins through His death on the cross, and bodily arose from the dead. He triumphantly ascended into heaven and carries out a mediation ministry on our behalf and one day He will personally return to the earth to establish His glorious Kingdom.
- (4) In the deity and personality of the Holy Spirit who convinces people of sin, righteousness and judgment; who regenerates, sanctifies, illuminates and comforts those who believe in the Lord Jesus Christ.
- (5) Men and women were created in God's image but through disobedience have become dead in sin, and remain utterly dependent on the mercy of God. Salvation is ours by the grace of God appropriated through faith in the atoning sacrifice of Jesus Christ for sin. By faith we are forgiven our sins and reborn in the Holy Spirit who enables us to live creative, victorious lives. When our Lord returns, we will all be raised, the just and unjust, and be judged for eternal reward or retribution.
- (6) The church is the living body of Jesus Christ and composed of those who have received Him as Lord and Savior.
- (7) The church lives to: celebrate the life of God, cultivate personal growth in Christ, care for one another in the Spirit of Christ and communicate the Good News of the Lord Jesus Christ to the world.
- (8) In the ordinances of Baptism and the Lord's Supper.