

## **SAMUEL MONTE**

### **STATEMENT OF FAITH**

I believe in one Triune God expressed in the Holy Scripture of both the Old and New Testaments as Father, Son and Holy Spirit. This God is the creator and ruler of all things. God the Father had such love for us that He sent His son, Jesus Christ the messiah, to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Jesus Christ came to Earth to lovingly guide His people into a deeper relationship with God. Jesus is both fully human and fully God being born of the Virgin Mary and the power of The Holy Spirit in a divine manner. He was betrayed and crucified for the sins of the world. On the third day he rose from the dead. After spending time ministering on earth he ascended into Heaven and sits on His Throne judging humanity. The Holy Spirit was sent to earth to be the advocate and help guide humanity in a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ. One day our King will return in accordance with scripture and rule over this world.

I have been given The Holy Bible as a way to come closer to God. This work which was written by man was inspired by The Holy Spirit. Human language is limited and as such the authors of the Bible worked hard to paint a picture of God as best they can. God transcends human notions of gender. While The Bible clearly iterates the masculine aspects of God, it should be noted that since God transcends humanity, there are masculine and feminine attributes of God. Almighty God has given me two sacraments to observe: The Lord's Supper and Baptism. Baptism binds us to the Body of Christ. It is an outward sign of an inward grace. Baptism marks on as God's own. Baptism did not save me, but it does bound me into the church and the Body of Christ. In The Lord's Supper, I am nourished by the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. We remember his death and await his coming again in glory. This is a meal I share with all children of God across time and space.

I have been called to participate in spreading the good news of Jesus Christ. As such, I believe in the importance of mission work both local and globally. In this work. I labor and strive to share the gospel with all people regardless of who they are in both word and deed. God desires for me to spread God's holy word and that is what I intend to do. God is my rock, my refuge, and my strength. Apart from God I am and have nothing. With the power of The Holy Spirit I can accomplish many things to bring glory to God.

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