

My Statement of Faith

by Aiesha Peterson

I believe that Jesus is the Son of God because He died on the cross for our sins. Then He rose from the dead to give us eternal life. I believe He is the Son of Man. He feels pain, suffering and temptation like we do. Because He died on the cross for my sins, He is my Savior and I can spend eternity with Him in heaven. When you trust in Him, He has the power to change lives. Jesus Christ is the one who I try to honor and obey. Jesus Christ shows me how to live like He did, by showing kindness and love to others. By accepting Jesus Christ, He becomes the bridge between me and God the Father.

Therefore, I have decided to put my faith and trust in Jesus. I will talk to Him daily through prayer. I realize that sin may be hard to stay away from, but with God's help I will try my best to please Him. Through reading my Bible, I can learn about Him and His will for my life. I will forgive others like God has forgiven me. Because God reached out to me with His love, I know that others may also be changed by His love.

I believe that God the Father has an unconditional love for me. Because of this great love for me and His desire for a relationship with me, He sent his Son to die in my place so that I could live in His eternal kingdom. I believe He is caring, merciful, powerful, just and faithful. I am amazed that God knows every time we sin and still loves us the same. God will stay loyal to His word because He is faithful. God is a mighty warrior and king, but also a close personal friend and someone I can go to at any time. I believe that God created everything and has a plan and purpose for all that is.

Therefore, because He desires a personal relationship with me, I will seek to know Him more. I will make prayer a priority in my life because without talking with Him daily, it is hard to get to know Him. I will read the Bible often so that I can learn how God spoke to people in the past and how He can speak with me now. I will praise Him by treating Him with respect. I will trust Him with my life and heart. God created me with a purpose and loves me and will never leave me.

The Holy Spirit is the third person of the Trinity. He gives us the gifts and fruits of the Spirit. The fruits of the Spirit are: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. The gifts are given to me, but I have to work for the fruits. The fruits will help me become a better person and I will reach for those fruits. I will steer clear of temptation and work my way towards the greater path. I will share my gifts with others and put them to good use. The Holy Spirit gives me wisdom to help me get through life. This is how I know He is the convictor of my life.

Therefore, I know I can confide in the Holy Spirit when I need some guidance. The fruits help me become a better follower and person. The Holy Spirit helps me become a better person and guides me to a greater path. If I get distracted, I can look toward the Holy Spirit to guide me and ease my pain. When I feel I am being tempted, I will pray to the Holy Spirit to help me have better judgment.

I believe the church is the Body of Christ that all believers can be a part of. Pastors, Deacons, Elders and other believers can be a part of the Body. Each member is important and should find a place where their gifts can be used. I can put my gifts to use by helping with the nursery and with the offering. The church exists to bring honor and praise to God and to provide fellowship for the Body of Christ. To be a member, one must have a personal relationship with Christ and be baptized. Baptism and communion, or the Lord's Supper, are important actions for believers to participate in to remember the unity we have with Christ and other Christians.

My Faith Walk
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My faith journey started when Lee Ann and Ed invited me to their house for a Bible Club meeting. Bible Club was not only fun, but it was the first time I had ever heard of Jesus. I was amazed that Jesus loved me so much and that He had died to save me. After that, my parents became very supportive of me going to church.

When I was 17, I asked Jesus to come into my life. After doing so, I felt peace in my life. Since Jesus has been in my life, He has helped me through some hard times and I know He is always with me.

Since I have been a part of Suffern Presbyterian Church, I have enjoyed helping out in the nursery and being a part of the Christmas play. I have grown in my faith through the encouragement of Pastor Debbie and Pastor Allen and Lee Ann and Ed. Confirmation Class has also helped me to know God more and has given me a group of Christian friends.