CHRONIC JOY®

Chronic Illness, Mental Illness, Chronic Pain & Disability

STATEMENT OF FAITH

We believe in salvation by grace, a free gift from God, given to all who believe in His Son Jesus Christ and accept Him as Lord and Savior.

For God so loved the world that He have His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. (John 3:16)

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." (John 14:6)

Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved. (Acts 4:12)

If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved... for "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." (Romans 10:9, 13)

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith – and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God. (Ephesians 2:8)

We believe the Bible is the inspired, authoritative Word of God.

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work. (2 Timothy 3:15-17)

We believe God exists in three persons – Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. (Deuteronomy 6:5)

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We believe hope begins in relationship with God.

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope. (Romans 15:13)

We believe purpose is rooted in God's unending love for us, poured out in our growing love for others.

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." (Jeremiah 29:11)

He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God. (Micah 6:8)

We believe connection is an expression of God's love.

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For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them. (Matthew 18:20)

...so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. (Romans 12:5)

We believe worth is determined by God alone and that every life (without exception) is precious and vital.

...there are many parts, but one body...God has put the body together, giving greater honor to the parts that lacked it, so that there should be no division in the body but that its parts should have equal concern for each other. If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it. Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it. (1 Corinthians 12:12b, 24b-27)

We believe joy is born of gratitude – genuine thanksgiving for God's provision, care, comfort, presence, guidance, and protection.

Let them give thanks to the LORD for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for mankind, for he satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things. (Psalm 107:8-9)

We believe in treating others as we want to be treated, compassionately understanding that each of us fall short of God's glory.

Do to others as you would have them do to you. (Luke 6:31)

Think of the kindness you wish others would show you; do the same for them. (Luke 6:31 Voice)

...for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God (Romans 3:23)