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Statement of Faith: The basis of my belief is the Bible, God's infallible written Word, I believe that it was uniquely, verbally and fully inspired by the Holy Spirit and that it was written without error (inerrant) in the original

manuscripts by men GOD manifested Himself. I believe the Bible is the only final authority in all matters on which it speaks. I believe that GOD manifested His Glory to mankind through Jesus Christ. I believe Jesus Christ is God, the Living Word, who became flesh through His miraculous conception by the Holy Spirit and His virgin birth. I believe He is perfect Deity and true humanity united in one person. He lived a sinless life and voluntarily atoned for the sins of men by dying on the cross as our substitute, thus satisfying divine justice and accomplishing salvation for all who trust in Him alone. I believe that salvation of man from conception to completion is a work of God's free grace and is not the work of human works or goodness or religious ceremony. I believe God imputes His righteousness to those who put their faith in Christ alone for their salvation, and thereby justified them in His sight.

I was born in Colon, Panama to Ricardo Sr. and Lucila Welch. I am the second eldest of five children (three boys and two girls). At the age of ten, our parents decided to come to the United States to give their kids a better opportunity in life. Upon graduation from high school, I joined the US Navy where I served for four years and received an honorable discharge. After my tenure in the Navy, I enrolled in ITT Technical Institute where I received an Associates in Computer Aided Drafting and Engineering Sciences. I married my beautiful wife, Lisa, in August of 2000 and am the proud father of four children Brittney, Ricardo III, Jordan and Jaedon. I became a member of Christ Church of Rockville in 1998 and have been active in various aspects of the ministry such as Steppers, Teaching, Prison ministry, Brothers Ministry Leader, Biblical Institute Instructor. Together in ministry, my wife and I are currently developing the Pastoral Care team to reinforce the confidence of GOD's people in the practicality of HIS word being able to deal with all the issues of life.