

## **Orphan Care Alliance bases its ministries on the following statement of faith:**

### **WE BELIEVE THE BIBLE TO BE THE INSPIRED, THE ONLY INFALLIBLE, AUTHORITATIVE WORD OF GOD.**

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness. 2 Timothy 3:16 (NIV)

### **WE BELIEVE THAT THERE IS ONE GOD, ETERNALLY EXISTENT IN THREE PERSONS: FATHER, SON AND HOLY SPIRIT.**

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. Genesis 1:1-2 (NIV)

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. John 1:1 (NIV)

### **WE BELIEVE IN THE DEITY AND HUMANITY OF CHRIST, IN HIS VIRGIN BIRTH, IN HIS SINLESS LIFE, IN HIS MIRACLES, IN HIS VICARIOUS AND ATONING DEATH THROUGH HIS SHED BLOOD, IN HIS BODILY RESURRECTION, IN HIS ASCENSION TO THE RIGHT HAND OF THE FATHER, IN HIS PRESENT RULE AS HEAD OF THE CHURCH AND IN HIS PERSONAL RETURN IN POWER AND GLORY.**

God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: 'I AM has sent me to you.'" God also said to Moses, "Say to the Israelites, 'The Lord the God of your fathers—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob—has sent me to you. This is my name forever, the name you shall call me from generation to generation.'" Exodus 3:14-15

When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life. John 8:12 (NIV)

So Jesus said, "When you have lifted up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am he and that I do nothing on my own but speak just what the Father has taught me. The one who sent me is with me; he has not left me alone, for I always do what pleases him. John 8:28-29 (NIV)

Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Matthew 28:18 (NIV)

"I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End. Revelation 22:13 (NIV)

### **WE BELIEVE REPENTANCE OF SIN AND FAITH IN JESUS CHRIST RESULTS IN REGENERATION BY THE HOLY SPIRIT AND JESUS CHRIST IS THE ONLY WAY OF SALVATION FOR LOST AND SINFUL MEN.**

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

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. 2 Corinthians 4:17-21 (NIV)

### **WE BELIEVE IN THE PRESENT MINISTRY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT WHO ENABLES THE CHRISTIAN TO LIVE A GODLY LIFE BY HIS INDWELLING.**

But very truly I tell you, it is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. When he comes, he will prove the world to be in the wrong about sin and righteousness, because I am going to the Father, whether you can see me no longer; and about judgment, because the prince of this world now stands condemned. John 16:7-11 (NIV)

because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death. For what the law was powerless to do because it was weakened by the flesh, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. Those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on what the flesh desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace. Romans 8:2-6

**WE BELIEVE IN THE RESURRECTION OF BOTH THE SAVED AND THE LOST, THE SAVED UNTO THE RESURRECTION OF LIFE AND THE LOST UNTO THE RESURRECTION OF DAMNATION.**

For just as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, even so the Son gives life to whom he is pleased to give it. Moreover, the Father judges no one, but has entrusted all judgment to the Son, that all may honor the Son just as they honor the Father. Whoever does not honor the Son does not honor the Father, who sent him. "Very truly I tell you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be judged but has crossed over from death to life." Very truly I tell you, a time is coming and has now come when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God and those who hear will live. For as the other has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself. And he has given him authority to judge because he is the Son of Man. "Do not be amazed at this, for a time is coming when all who are in their graves will hear his voice and come out—those who have done what is good will rise to live, and those who have done what is evil will rise to be condemned. John 5:21-29 (NIV)

He will punish those who do not know God and do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. They will be punished with everlasting destruction and shut out from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his might on the day he comes to be glorified in his holy people and to be marveled at among all those who have believed. This includes you, because you believed our testimony to you. 2 Thessalonians 1:8-10 (NIV)

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 it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved. Romans 10:9-10

Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. Romans 10:13, Joel 2:32 (NIV)

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal. John 3:16 (NIV)

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

**WE BELIEVE GOD CREATES EACH PERSON AS MALE OR FEMALE AND THE TERM MARRIAGE HAS ONLY ONE MEANING: THE UNITING OF ONE MAN AND ONE WOMAN IN A SINGLE, EXCLUSIVE UNION.**

Then the Lord God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man. The man said, "This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called 'woman,' for she was taken out of man." That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife and they become one flesh. Genesis 2:22-24 (NIV)

Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ. Wives, submit yourselves to your own husbands as you do to the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of church, his body, of which he is the Savior. Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything. Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without the stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless. In the same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. After all, no one ever hated their own body, but they feed and care for their body, just as Christ does the church—for we are members of his body. "For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh." This is a profound mystery—but I am talking about Christ and the church. However, each one of you also must love his wife and he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband. Ephesians 5:21-33 (NIV)

But at the beginning of creation God 'made them male and female.' 'For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate. Mark 10:6-9 (NIV)

**WE BELIEVE GOD CREATES ALL HUMAN LIFE IN HIS IMAGE, INCLUDING THE PRE-BORN BABY, THE ORPHAN, THE WIDOW, THE AGED, THE PHYSICALLY OR MENTALLY CHALLENGED, AND EVERY OTHER STATE OR CONDITION FROM CONCEPTION THROUGH NATURAL DEATH.**

Then the Lord God formed a man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being. Genesis 2:7 (NIV)

And for your lifeblood I will surely demand an accounting. I will demand an accounting from every animal. And from each human being, too, I will demand an accounting for the life of another human being. "Whoever sheds human blood, by humans shall their blood be shed; for in the image of God has God made mankind. Genesis 9:5-6 (NIV)

Children are a heritage from the Lord, offspring a reward from him. Psalm 127:3 (NIV)

For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place, when I was woven together in the depths of the earth. Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be. How precious to me are your thoughts, God! How vast is the sum of them! Psalm 139:12-17

Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world. James 1:27 (NIV)

**WE BELIEVE IN THE SPIRITUAL UNITY OF BELIEVERS IN OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST WITH EQUALITY ACROSS RACIAL, GENDER, AND CLASS DIFFERENCES.**

The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, "Abba Father." The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and coheirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory. Romans 8:15:17 (NIV)

But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. 1 Peter 2:9-10 (NIV)