

What We Believe

The Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended to heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic* church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

**that is, the true Christian church of all times and all places*

The 5 Solas:

True Christianity teaches that man is saved solely by the grace of God excluding all of man's merits, works, or personal good. While the counterfeit Christianity always adds something to the grace of God, or redefines it to mean something else. The true Church has been very careful to demonstrate how man is saved through the 5 solas:

Sola fide, by faith alone; salvation comes to us through faith alone in Christ alone.

Sola scriptura, by scripture alone; all truth necessary for our salvation and spiritual life is taught either explicitly or implicitly in Scripture.

Solus Christus, through Christ alone; all works or acts of religion are insufficient to save us. Salvation is through faith alone in Christ alone.

Sola gratia, by grace alone; grace excludes all of man's works, activities, or merits.

Soli Deo gloria, glory to God alone. When God does all the saving, then he alone gets the glory, otherwise man would glorify himself.

Communion With God

We believe that communion with God is found in the sphere of the faith rest dynamic as we turn our souls toward his Word in the sphere of faith. Romans 5:13, "*Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost.*"

Restoration to Fellowship

Is accomplished by the believer in Christ acknowledging his/her sins to God. 1 John 1:9, *“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”*

Our Purpose in Life

We believe that our purpose in life is to do the will of the Father, as Jesus Christ did. Acts 13:36, *“For David, after he had served his own generation by the will of God, fell on sleep, and was laid unto his fathers, and saw corruption.”* Ephesians 6:6, *“Not with eyeservice, as menpleasers; but as the servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart;”* Matthew 12:50, *“For whosoever shall do the will of my Father which is in heaven, the same is my brother, and sister, and mother.”* John 6:38, *“For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me.”*

Our Ultimate Destiny

We believe that our ultimate destiny is to be conformed to the image of Christ. Romans 8:29, *“For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.”*

How We are to Live our Lives

The Scriptures are quite clear in that we are to live our lives by faith as the Lord Jesus Christ did. 2 Corinthians 5:7, *“(For we walk by faith, not by sight:)”* Hebrews 12:2, *“Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.”*

The Fellowship of Christians

We believe that we are to assemble in the local church under the teaching of the Word of God and so we can also fellowship with each other. Hebrews 10:25, *“Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.”*