



In an attempt to better clarify what we believe is necessary in identifying true believers, the following is a

Gospel Confession of Faith

(This is to distinguish the core concepts of the Gospel from the body of doctrine that we will teach and adhere to as a church found in our Doctrinal Statement)

1. We confess that God is the Sovereign Creator of everything (Genesis 1). Because He created everything, we also acknowledge that He has the supreme right to exercise His authority over all of this creation (I Cor. 15:25-28). We also confess that God perfectly made man in His own image, and designated man to steward His creation (Genesis 1:27-30, Psalm 8:5-8).
2. We confess that sin entered the world through the disobedient actions of Adam and Eve in the garden when they ate the fruit (Genesis 3:6) which God had instructed them not to eat (Genesis 2:17). This sin also condemned not only Adam and Eve to death, but also all humanity who have been born after them (Romans 5:12). Sin and death continue to rule over humanity (I Cor. 15:21).
3. We confess that humanity is completely incapable of reversing the consequences of sin and death (Hebrews 2:14-15; Ephesians 2:1), and for this reason and His own glory, God lovingly (John 3:16) both prophesied (Genesis 3:15; Isaiah 9:6-7) and provided a Savior in the Person of Jesus Christ (Luke 2:11; John 1:14).
4. We confess Jesus Christ as our Savior and Lord (Romans 10:13; I Timothy 1:15), because He alone satisfied the Holy Justice of God (I John 4:10) by being a sinless sacrifice for humanity by dying on the cross (II Cor. 5:21). By rising again from the grave, He conquered death and is worthy to be Lord of all for all eternity (I Cor. 15:20-28).
5. We confess that salvation is a gift of God (Romans 6:23) extended to each person who by faith (Romans 10:17, Romans 5:1) confesses Jesus Christ as Lord (Romans 10:9), and believes that God raised Him from the dead. This faith involves a change of understanding and heart, called repentance (Acts 17:30-31) – whereby we submit to Jesus Christ as our Lord (Romans 10:10).
6. We confess that being a Christian is not about birth, embracing a particular religion, or a certain set of rules, but having a reconciled relationship with God through Jesus Christ alone (Acts 4:12; John 1:10-13; John 14:6).
7. We confess that there is hope in light of the suffering experienced in this world (Romans 8:20). Our hope is that God will put all things right in His time through our Savior Jesus Christ (Titus 2:13; Isaiah 65:17-18; Revelation 21:4-5).