

STATEMENT OF FAITH



WHAT WE BELIEVE

The absolute best way to learn about any community of faith is to experience it relationally. Statements of faith can summarize some essential beliefs, but they can't tell you who a community really is, how they reflect God's character, or how God's power and love is lived out among them. Statements of faith can also be problematic since they are by definition a "reduction to the essentials" rather than a detailed description of God's grand story. Even so, we state our own beliefs here, and embrace the Nicene Creed to proclaim that we stand in the stream of historic, orthodox, simple Christianity.

DISCOVERY CHRISTIAN CHURCH STATEMENT OF FAITH

There is one God, eternally existing and expressed in three persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Equal in power and glory this triune God is creator, redeemer and preserver.

Jesus Christ is the Son of God, the Savior of the world. Through His life, death and resurrection salvation is fully experienced.

The Holy Spirit works to convict, encourage, equip, create, empower and tutor, and seal the believer in a saving, eternal relationship.

The Bible is the Word of God and the all-sufficient guide for our faith. It provides the revelation for faithfulness.

Salvation is by the grace of God, apart from personal effort or achievement. The work of Christ is what saves us.

The thankful life response to the grace of God is through the conversion experiences of belief, repentance, confession, baptism and faithfulness as modeled and defined in the Bible.

The local and global church exists for His glory and purpose, so God's followers worship, learn, serve, honor and love with all our resources as we await His return.

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We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.