



Med Jesus i skol- & studentvärlden

Credo's statement of Faith

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1. God

The Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit are the only true God, eternal, unchanging and ubiquitous, holy, and omnipotent, merciful and loving.

2. The Bible

The entire Bible is the inspired and reliable word of God, the highest and crucial standard of man's faith and life. The Bible is understood based on its own testimony of Jesus Christ and His work of salvation. The word of God is at work: it reveals and judges, liberates and establishes, and so creates a true faith.

3. Creation

God has created the whole world and sustains it. Every man is created in His image, to be the object of His love, to honor Him, to have eternal life in communion with Him, to love his fellow men, and to steward creation.

4. Sin

Since the fall, all mankind is a generation of sinners, under the wrath and judgment of God, without the possibility of saving themselves.

5. Jesus

Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, true God and true man, conceived of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He lived a sinless, genuinely human life. He died on a cross, rose bodily from death, and was taken up to heaven to reign as Lord over all created things and one day return in glory.

6. The Atonement

Through His sacrificial death on the cross in our place, Jesus Christ has reconciled the whole world to God once and for all and won victory over sin, death, and the devil.

7. Justification

Justification is God's act of undeserved grace. The righteousness that Jesus Christ has won for us is imputed to us only by faith. In doing so, anyone can have all their sins forgiven and declared righteous before God. So he who believes in Jesus is in himself a sinner but in him perfectly righteous.



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8. Repentance

To be saved, every person must turn from sin and believe in Jesus Christ. The Holy Spirit works by the word of God both repentance and faith, through baptism and faith takes up his abode in man, gives birth to him anew, and incorporates him into the Church of Christ.

9. Sanctification

In the born-again man, the Holy Spirit works a growing Christlikeness in disposition and action. The old man shall be continually killed and the new man grow, awaiting final transformation upon the return of Christ.

10. The Church

The holy universal church, the body of Christ, is the community of all who believe in Jesus Christ. It is sustained and renewed by the Holy Spirit through the Word, baptism, and the Eucharist.

11. Missions

Jesus Christ is the only Savior and right Lord of the world. He has commissioned His Church to make disciples of all peoples through the Gospel and has poured out His Spirit who equips with power and gifts for this purpose. Each limb in the body of Christ has a share in both the mission and the equipment.

12. Stewardship

Jesus Christ is Lord of the Christian's entire life. In Christ, the mission, given to all mankind, is renewed to steward creation, take responsibility in society and the world, and fight all forms of evil and injustice until the day when this world perishes. Then God will create new heavens and a new earth where perfect righteousness prevails.

13. The kingdom

The kingdom of God is now in our midst as a kingdom of grace and forgiveness but has not yet come in its full glory. Christians still share the fallen creation's condition of weakness and transience and suffer with Christ, but in the midst of this, the saving power of the kingdom is revealed. When miracles and signs occur in Jesus' name, it is a foretaste of the glory to come.

14. The return

At the end of time, Jesus Christ will visibly return. At his word, all dead shall be bodily resurrected. Then he will justly condemn every man to live forever with God or be separated from him, and establish the kingdom in perfection.