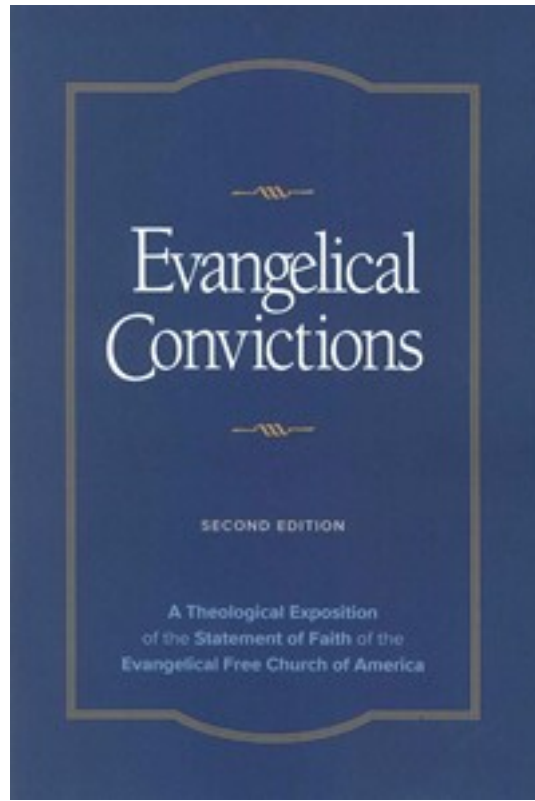


INTRODUCTION TO EFCA STATEMENT OF FAITH

PREPARED TRACK A

The ultimate goal of theology isn't knowledge, but worship.
Sam Storms



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God

We believe in one God, Creator of all things, holy, infinitely perfect, and eternally existing in a loving unity of three equally divine Persons: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Having limitless knowledge and sovereign power, God has graciously purposed from eternity to redeem a people for Himself and to make all things new for His own glory.

The Bible

We believe that God has spoken in the Scriptures, both Old and New Testaments, through the words of human authors. As the verbally inspired Word of God, the Bible is without error in the original writings, the complete revelation of His will for salvation, and the ultimate authority by which every realm of human knowledge and endeavor should be judged. Therefore, it is to be believed in all that it teaches, obeyed in all that it requires, and trusted in all that It promises.

The Human Condition

We believe that God created Adam and Eve in His image, but they sinned when tempted by Satan. In union with Adam, human beings are sinners by nature and by choice, alienated from God, and under His wrath. Only through God's saving work in Jesus Christ can we be rescued, reconciled and renewed.

Jesus Christ

We believe that Jesus Christ is God incarnate, fully God and fully man, one Person in two natures. Jesus—Israel's promised Messiah—was conceived through the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He lived a sinless life, was crucified under Pontius Pilate, arose bodily from the dead, ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father as our High Priest and Advocate.

The Work of Christ

We believe that Jesus Christ, as our representative and substitute, shed His blood on the cross as the perfect, all-sufficient sacrifice for our sins. His atoning death and victorious resurrection constitute the only ground for salvation.

The Holy Spirit

We believe the Holy Spirit, in all that He does, glorifies the Lord Jesus Christ. He convicts the world of its guilt. He regenerates sinners, and in Him they are baptized into union with Christ and adopted as heirs in the family of God. He also indwells, illuminates, guides, equips and empowers believers for Christ-like living and service.

The Church

We believe that the true church comprises all who have been justified by God's grace through faith alone in Christ alone. They are united by the Holy Spirit in the body of Christ, of which He is the Head. The true church is manifest in local churches, whose membership should be composed only of believers. The Lord Jesus mandated two ordinances, baptism and the Lord's Supper, which visibly and tangibly express the gospel. Though they are not the means of salvation, when celebrated by the church in genuine faith, these ordinances confirm and nourish the believer.

Christian Living

We believe that God's justifying grace must not be separated from His sanctifying power and purpose. God commands us to love Him supremely and others sacrificially, and to live out our faith with care for one another, compassion toward the poor and justice for the oppressed. With God's Word, the Spirit's power, and fervent prayer in Christ's name, we are to combat the spiritual forces of evil. In obedience to Christ's commission, we are to make disciples among all people, always bearing witness to the gospel in word and deed.

Christ's Return

We believe in the personal, bodily and glorious return of our Lord Jesus Christ. The coming of Christ, at a time known only to God, demands constant expectancy and, as our blessed hope, motivates the believer to godly living, sacrificial service and energetic mission.

Response and Eternal Destiny

We believe that God commands everyone everywhere to believe the gospel by turning to Him in repentance and receiving the Lord Jesus Christ. We believe that God will raise the dead bodily and judge the world, assigning the unbeliever to condemnation and eternal conscious punishment and the believer to eternal blessedness and joy with the Lord in the new heaven and the new earth, to the praise of His glorious grace. Amen.

ARTICLE 1: GOD

We believe in one God, Creator of all things, holy, infinitely perfect, and eternally existing in a loving unity of three equally divine Persons: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Having limitless knowledge and sovereign power, God has graciously purposed from eternity to redeem a people for Himself and to make all things new for His own glory.

ARTICLE PHRASES	VERSES	MAIN IDEAS: Who is God? What has He done?	MY RESPONSES: Who am I? How should I respond?
1 We believe in one God,	Dt 6:4 Mk 12:29		
2 Creator of all things,	Gen 1:1 Ps 33:6 Jn 1:3 Col 1:15-17 Heb 11:3		
3 holy,	Ex 15:11 Isa 6:3 Isa 57:15		

ARTICLE PHRASES	VERSES	MAIN IDEAS: Who is God? What has He done?	MY RESPONSES: Who am I? How should I respond?
4 infinitely perfect,	Dt 32:4 Job 1:7-10 Ps 18:30 Ps 50:2 Ps 90:2 Ps 145:3 Mt 5:48		
5 and eternally existing	Ps 33:11 Ps 102:25-27 Ps 115:3 Dan 4:34-35 Jn 5:26 Act 17:24-25		
6 in a loving unity	Jn 3:35 Jn 17:24 1 Jn 4:8,16		

ARTICLE PHRASES	VERSES	MAIN IDEAS: Who is God? What has He done?	MY RESPONSES: Who am I? How should I respond?
7 of three equally divine Persons:	Jn 17:11 Mt 3:16-17 Mt 28:19 2 Cor 13:14 1 Pet 1:2		
8 the Father,	Dt 32:6 Mt 6:6 Rom 8:15 1 Cor 8:6		
9 the Son	Mt 3:17 Jn 1:14 Jn 3:16 Gal 4:4 Heb 1:5		

ARTICLE PHRASES	VERSES	MAIN IDEAS: Who is God? What has He done?	MY RESPONSES: Who am I? How should I respond?
10 and the Holy Spirit.	Jn 14:16,17,26 Jn 15:26 Jn 16:7-15 Rom 8:9,26 Gal 4:6		
11 Having limitless knowledge	Ps 139:1-16 Ps 147:5 Isa 46:10 Jn 21:17		
12 and sovereign power,	Jer 32:17 Eph 1:11 Rom 8:28 2 Cor 6:18 Eph 3:20 Rev 1:8		

ARTICLE PHRASES	VERSES	MAIN IDEAS: Who is God? What has He done?	MY RESPONSES: Who am I? How should I respond?
13 God has graciously purposed from eternity to redeem a people for Himself	1 Cor 2:7 Eph 1:11 Eph 3:10-11 2 Tim 1:9 Titus 1:2 1 Pet 1:20 Rev 13:8		
14 and to make all things new	Mt 19:28 Act 3:21 Rom 8:19-21 Rev 21, 22		
15 for His own glory.	Ps 19:1-2 Isa 43:7 Jer 13:11 Col 1:15-23 Rev 4:11 Rev 5:9-14		

QUESTION: GOD

Who is God and what does he do?

Who am I and what should I do?

How is this relevant in our current cultural and historical setting?

What is a key takeaway for you?

Gospel Statement: GOD

God's gospel originates in and expresses the wondrous perfections of the eternal, triune God.

We believe that God has spoken in the Scriptures, both Old and New Testaments, through the words of human authors. As the verbally inspired Word of God, the Bible is without error in the original writings, the complete revelation of His will for salvation, and the ultimate authority by which every realm of human knowledge and endeavor should be judged. Therefore, it is to be believed in all that it teaches, obeyed in all that it requires, and trusted in all that It promises.

ARTICLE PHRASES	VERSES	MAIN IDEAS: Who is God? What has He done?	MY RESPONSES: Who am I? How should I respond?
1 We believe that God has spoken in the Scriptures,	Mt 1:22 Mt 4:4 Mt 19:4,5 Heb 1:1-2		
2 both Old and New Testaments,	2 Pet 3:15,16		
3 through the words of human authors.	Lk 1:1-4		
4 As the verbally inspired Word of God,	2 Tim 3:16 2 Pet 1:20,21		

ARTICLE PHRASES	VERSES	MAIN IDEAS: Who is God? What has He done?	MY RESPONSES: Who am I? How should I respond?
5 the Bible is without error in the original writings,	Num 23:19 2 Sam 7:28 Prov 30:5 Ps 119: 96,160 Mt 5:18 Jn 10:35 Jn 17:17 Titus 1:1,2		
6 the complete revelation of His will for salvation,	Lk 16:29-31 Gal 1:8,9 2 Tim 3:15		
7 and the ultimate authority by which every realm of human knowledge and endeavor should be judged.	Jn 17:17 2 Tim 3:15-17 1 Pet 1:23 Ps 119: 44,45,165		

ARTICLE PHRASES	VERSES	MAIN IDEAS: Who is God? What has He done?	MY RESPONSES: Who am I? How should I respond?
8 Therefore, it is to be believed in all that it teaches,	Mt 22:29 Rom 15:4 2 Tim 3:16		
9 obeyed in all that it requires,	Mt 28:20 2 Th 3:14 1 Jn 2:5		
10 and trusted in all that it promises.	Rom 1:2 Rom 4:21 Heb 10:23 2 Pet 1:4 2 Pet 3:13		

Who is God and what does he do?

Who am I and what should I do?

How is this relevant in our current cultural and historical setting?

What is a key takeaway for you?

Gospel Statement: THE BIBLE
God's gospel is authoritatively revealed in the Scriptures.

We believe that God created Adam and Eve in His image, but they sinned when tempted by Satan. In union with Adam, human beings are sinners by nature and by choice, alienated from God, and under His wrath. Only through God's saving work in Jesus Christ can we be rescued, reconciled and renewed.

ARTICLE PHRASES	VERSES	MAIN IDEAS: Who is God? What has He done?	MY RESPONSES: Who am I? How should I respond?
1 We believe that God created Adam and Eve in His image,	Gen 1:26-27 Gen 5:1 Gen 9:6 1 Cor 11:7 Col 3:10 Jas 3:9		
2 but they sinned when tempted by Satan.	Gen 3:1-6 Jn 8:44 Rom 5:12-14 Rom 16:20 2 Cor 11:3 1 Tim 2:13-14		
3 In union with Adam,	Job 14:4 Ps 51:5 Jn 3:6 Rom 3:12 Rom 5:12-14 1 Cor 15:22a 1 Jn 1:8		

ARTICLE PHRASES	VERSES	MAIN IDEAS: Who is God? What has He done?	MY RESPONSES: Who am I? How should I respond?
4 human beings are sinners by nature and by choice,	Gen 6:5 Jer 17:9 Isa 6:5 Rom 5:15 Rom 8:5-8 Eph 2:1-2 Eph 4:17-19		
5 alienated from God,	Rom 5:10		
6 and under His wrath.	Rom 1:18 Rom 2:5 Rom 3:9-19 Rom 3:23 Eph 2:3		

ARTICLE PHRASES	VERSES	MAIN IDEAS: Who is God? What has He done?	MY RESPONSES: Who am I? How should I respond?
7 Only through God's saving work in Jesus Christ	Act 4:12 1 Tim 2:5		
8 can we be rescued,	1 Th 1:10		
9 reconciled,	Rom 5:1,2,10 Col 1:20		
10 and renewed.	Rom 8:29 2 Cor 3:18 Eph 4:24 Php 3:21 1 Jn 3:2		

Who is God and what does he do?

Who am I and what should I do?

How is this relevant in our current cultural and historical setting?

What is a key takeaway for you?

Gospel Statement: THE HUMAN CONDITION
God's gospel alone addresses our deepest need.

We believe that Jesus Christ is God incarnate, fully God and fully man, one Person in two natures. Jesus—Israel’s promised Messiah—was conceived through the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He lived a sinless life, was crucified under Pontius Pilate, arose bodily from the dead, ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father as our High Priest and Advocate.

ARTICLE PHRASES	VERSES	MAIN IDEAS: Who is God? What has He done?	MY RESPONSES: Who am I? How should I respond?
1 We believe that Jesus Christ	Mt 1:21 Mt 16:18		
2 is God incarnate,	Jn 1:14,18 1 Jn 4:2		
3 fully God	Isa 9:6 Jer 23:6 Jn 1:1 Jn 20:28 Rom 9:5 Col 2:9		
4 and fully man,	Mt 4:2 Lk 2:40,52 Jn 11:35 Heb 5:7-8 1 Jn 1:1-3		

ARTICLE PHRASES	VERSES	MAIN IDEAS: Who is God? What has He done?	MY RESPONSES: Who am I? How should I respond?
5 one Person in two natures.	Jn 3:13 Jn 10:30 Jn 17:5		
6 Jesus- Israel's promised Messiah-	Gen 3:14-20 Gen 12:1-3 Gen 49:8-12 2 Sam 7:11b-16 Mt 1:1,17 Lk 4:16-22 Lk 24:25-27 Jn 1:41 Jn 4:25-26 Act 2:36 Act 13:23,32 Rom 1:2-3 2 Tim 2:8-9		

ARTICLE PHRASES	VERSES	MAIN IDEAS: Who is God? What has He done?	MY RESPONSES: Who am I? How should I respond?
7 was conceived through the Holy Spirit	Mt 1:18 Lk 1:34-35		
8 and born of the virgin Mary.	Isa 7:14 Mt 1:20 Lk 1:34,35		
9 He lived a sinless life,	Rom 5:19 Gal 4:4,5 Mt 3:15 Php 2:7,8 Heb 4:15		
10 was crucified under Pontius Pilate,	Dt 21:23 Ps 16:10 Mt 27:26 Mk 15:15 Lk 23:16 Jn 19:16 Act 2:27,37		

ARTICLE PHRASES	VERSES	MAIN IDEAS: Who is God? What has He done?	MY RESPONSES: Who am I? How should I respond?
11 arose bodily from the dead,	Mt 28:1-10 Mk 16:1-8 Lk 24:39 Rom 4:25 1 Cor 15: 20,44-45 Col 1:18 Rev 1:5		
12 ascended into heaven	Lk 24:51 Act 1:6-11 Eph 1:20 Eph 4:8-10 1 Tim 3:16		

ARTICLE PHRASES	VERSES	MAIN IDEAS: Who is God? What has He done?	MY RESPONSES: Who am I? How should I respond?
13 and sits at the right hand of God the Father	Eph 1:20 Col 3:1 Heb 1:3 Heb 8:1 Heb 10:12 1 Pet 3:22		
14 as our High Priest	Heb 2:17 Heb 3:1 Heb 4:14 Heb 6:20 Heb 8:1		
15 and Advocate.	Rom 8:34 Heb 7:25 Heb 9:24 1 Jn 2:1		

Who is God and what does he do?

Who am I and what should I do?

How is this relevant in our current cultural and historical setting?

What is a key takeaway for you?

Gospel Statement: JESUS CHRIST

God's gospel is made known supremely in the Person of Jesus Christ.

We believe that Jesus Christ, as our representative and substitute, shed His blood on the cross as the perfect, all-sufficient sacrifice for our sins. His atoning death and victorious resurrection constitute the only ground for salvation.

ARTICLE PHRASES	VERSES	MAIN IDEAS: Who is God? What has He done?	MY RESPONSES: Who am I? How should I respond?
1 We believe that Jesus Christ, as our representa- tive	Gen 2:15-17 Mt 4:1-11 Mk 1:12-13 Lk 4:1-13 Rom 5:18-19 1 Cor 1:30 1 Cor 15:45,47 Php 3:9		
2 and substitute,	Mk 10:45 Heb 2:16-17 1 Pet 2:24 1 Pet 3:18		

ARTICLE PHRASES	VERSES	MAIN IDEAS: Who is God? What has He done?	MY RESPONSES: Who am I? How should I respond?
3 shed His blood on the cross	Lev 17:11 Mt 26:28 Heb 9:14,22 Heb 10:19 1 Pet 1:18-19 Rev 12:10-11		
4 as the perfect, all-sufficient sacrifice	1 Cor 5:7 Heb 9: 23-24,26,28 Heb 10:1 Heb 13:11,12		
5 for our sins.	Isa 53:5-7,12 Jn 1:29 Rom 3:21-26 2 Cor 5:21 Gal 3:13 1 Jn 3:5		

ARTICLE PHRASES	VERSES	MAIN IDEAS: Who is God? What has He done?	MY RESPONSES: Who am I? How should I respond?
6 His atoning death	Rom 3:25 Heb 2:17 1 Jn 2:2 1 Jn 4:10		
7 and victorious resurrection	Col 1:13 Col 2:13-15 Heb 2:14-15		
8 constitute the only ground for salvation.	Rom 4:25 Rom 6:4,11,14 1 Cor 6:14 1 Cor 15:20 2 Cor 4:14 Eph 1:19-20 Eph 2:5-6 1 Pet 1:3		

Who is God and what does he do?

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Gospel Statement: THE WORK OF CHRIST
God's gospel is accomplished through the work of Christ.

We believe the Holy Spirit, in all that He does, glorifies the Lord Jesus Christ. He convicts the world of its guilt. He regenerates sinners, and in Him they are baptized into union with Christ and adopted as heirs in the family of God. He also indwells, illuminates, guides, equips and empowers believers for Christ-like living and service.

ARTICLE PHRASES	VERSES	MAIN IDEAS: Who is God? What has He done?	MY RESPONSES: Who am I? How should I respond?
1 We believe that the Holy Spirit, in all that He does, glorifies the Lord Jesus Christ.	Jn 16:14		
2 He convicts the world of its guilt.	Jn 16:8 1 Cor 2:14		
3 He regenerates sinners,	Eze 36:25-27 Jn 3:3,5 1 Cor 12:3 2 Cor 5:17 Eph 2:5 Col 2:13 1 Th 1:4-5 2 Th 2:13 Titus 3:5 Jas 1:18 1 Pet 1:3		

ARTICLE PHRASES	VERSES	MAIN IDEAS: Who is God? What has He done?	MY RESPONSES: Who am I? How should I respond?
4 and in Him they are baptized	Mk 1:8 Act 1:5 1 Cor 12:13		
5 into union with Christ	Rom 3:24 Rom 5:15-21 Rom 12:5 1 Cor 1:2 1 Cor 6:19 1 Cor 15:22b 2 Cor. 5:17 Gal 1:22 Gal 2:17 Gal 3:28 Eph 1:4 Eph 2:12 Eph 3:6 Eph 4:32 2 Tim 2:10 1 Th 4:16		

ARTICLE PHRASES	VERSES	MAIN IDEAS: Who is God? What has He done?	MY RESPONSES: Who am I? How should I respond?
6 and adopted as heirs	Rom 8:15,23 Rom 9:4 Gal 4:5 Eph 1:5 Titus 3:7		
7 in the family of God.	Mt 12:49-50 2 Cor 6:18 Eph 3:14 1 Jn 3:14-18		
8 He also indwells,	Jn 14:17 Rom 8:11 1 Cor 3:16		

ARTICLE PHRASES	VERSES	MAIN IDEAS: Who is God? What has He done?	MY RESPONSES: Who am I? How should I respond?
9 illuminates,	1 Cor 2:2 2 Cor 4:4-15 Eph 1:17-19 Php 1:9-11		
10 guides,	Jn 16:13 Act 15:28 Rom 8:4,14 Gal 5:16,18		
11 equips	Rom 12:4-8 1 Cor 12:4-10 Eph 4:7-11 1 Pet 4:10-11		

ARTICLE PHRASES	VERSES	MAIN IDEAS: Who is God? What has He done?	MY RESPONSES: Who am I? How should I respond?
12 and empowers	Act 1:8 Act 10:38 Rom 15:13 1 Cor 12:11 Eph 3:16 2 Tim 1:7		
13 believers for Christ-like living and service.	Act 6:8 Rom 8:4-6,12-16 2 Cor 13:14 Gal 3:3,5 Gal 5:22-23,25 Eph 2:22 Eph 4:3 Php 2:1-2		

Who is God and what does he do?

Who am I and what should I do?

How is this relevant in our current cultural and historical setting?

What is a key takeaway for you?

Gospel Statement: THE HOLY SPIRIT
God's gospel is applied by the power of the Holy Spirit.

We believe that the true church comprises all who have been justified by God's grace through faith alone in Christ alone. They are united by the Holy Spirit in the body of Christ, of which He is the Head. The true church is manifest in local churches, whose membership should be composed only of believers. The Lord Jesus mandated two ordinances, baptism and the Lord's Supper, which visibly and tangibly express the gospel. Though they are not the means of salvation, when celebrated by the church in genuine faith, these ordinances confirm and nourish the believer.

ARTICLE PHRASES	VERSES	MAIN IDEAS: Who is God? What has He done?	MY RESPONSES: Who am I? How should I respond?
1 We believe that the true church	Mt 16:18 1 Cor 12:28 Eph 4:4-6 Eph 5:25 Heb 12:28		
2 comprises all who have been justified by God's grace through faith alone in Christ alone.	Ps 103:12 Isa 44:22 Jn 3:16 Act 16:31 Rom 3:20-28 Rom 4:3 Rom 5:1,21 Rom 8: 1,30,33-34 Rom 10:4,9 2 Cor 5:21 Gal 2:16 Eph 2:8-9 Php 3:9 Titus 3:7 Heb 10:14		

ARTICLE PHRASES	VERSES	MAIN IDEAS: Who is God? What has He done?	MY RESPONSES: Who am I? How should I respond?
3 They are united by the Holy Spirit in the body of Christ,	1 Cor 12:12-27		
4 of which He is the Head.	Eph 1:22-23 Eph 4:15-16 Col 1:18 Col 2:19		
5 The true church is manifest in local churches,	Act 9:31 Act 20:28-30 Rom 16:5 1 Cor 1:2 1 Cor 16:19 2 Cor 1:1 1 Th 1:1 Phm 1-2		

ARTICLE PHRASES	VERSES	MAIN IDEAS: Who is God? What has He done?	MY RESPONSES: Who am I? How should I respond?
6 whose membership should be composed only of believers.	Mt 18:15-20 Act 2:41,47 Act 14:23 Act 20:7 1 Cor 1:2,9 1 Cor 11:20 1 Cor 12:13 1 Cor 14:40 1 Cor 16:1-2 1 Tim 3:1-13 1 Tim 5:9 Titus 1:5-9 Heb 10:25		
7 The Lord Jesus mandated two ordinances, baptism	Mt 28:18-20 Rom 6:3-4 Col 2:12		

ARTICLE PHRASES	VERSES	MAIN IDEAS: Who is God? What has He done?	MY RESPONSES: Who am I? How should I respond?
8 and the Lord's Supper,	Mt 26:26-29 Mk 14:22-25 Lk 22:15-20 1 Cor 11:23-26		
9 which visibly and tangibly express the gospel. Though they are not the means of salvation, when celebrated by the church in genuine faith, these ordinances confirm and nourish the believer.	Jn 6:55-56 Act 2:38 Act 8:39 Act 16:34 1 Cor 10:16 1 Cor 11:29-30 Col 2:12		

Who is God and what does he do?

Who am I and what should I do?

How is this relevant in our current cultural and historical setting?

What is a key takeaway for you?

Gospel Statement: THE CHURCH

God's gospel is now embodied in the new community called the church.

We believe that God's justifying grace must not be separated from His sanctifying power and purpose. God commands us to love Him supremely and others sacrificially, and to live out our faith with care for one another, compassion toward the poor and justice for the oppressed. With God's Word, the Spirit's power, and fervent prayer in Christ's name, we are to combat the spiritual forces of evil. In obedience to Christ's commission, we are to make disciples among all people, always bearing witness to the gospel in word and deed.

ARTICLE PHRASES	VERSES	MAIN IDEAS: Who is God? What has He done?	MY RESPONSES: Who am I? How should I respond?
1 We believe that God's justifying grace must not be separated from His sanctifying power and purpose.	Mt 7:17-18 Mt 12:33,35 Heb 11:6 Eph 2:10 1 Cor 10:31 Col 3:17, 23 1 Th 5:23 2 Th 2:13 2 Cor 5:17 1 Jn 2:29 1 Jn 3:9 1 Jn 5:18 2 Cor 3:18 Titus 3:5 1 Cor 6:11 Rom 6:11,14 1 Pet 1:15 Php 2:12-13 Heb 12:1, 14 2 Tim 1:9 Jas 2:17 1 Pet 2:24 2 Pet 1:3-11		

ARTICLE PHRASES	VERSES	MAIN IDEAS: Who is God? What has He done?	MY RESPONSES: Who am I? How should I respond?
2 God commands us to love Him supremely and others sacrificially,	Dt 6:5 Lev 19:18 Mt 22:37-39 Mk 12:30 Lk 10:27		
3 and to live out our faith with care for one another,	Rom 12:10 Rom 14:13 Rom 15:7,14 Gal 5:26 Eph 4:32 1 Th 3:12 1 Th 5:11,15 Heb 10:24-25 1 Pet 4:9		

ARTICLE PHRASES	VERSES	MAIN IDEAS: Who is God? What has He done?	MY RESPONSES: Who am I? How should I respond?
4 compassion toward the poor	Dt 15:11 Ps 82:3,4 Ps 140:12 Prov 14:21,31 Prov 19:17 Prov 22: 9,16, 22, 23 Prov 28:8 Prov 29:7 Prov 31:8,9 Jer 22:16 Gal 2:10 Jas 1:27		

ARTICLE PHRASES	VERSES	MAIN IDEAS: Who is God? What has He done?	MY RESPONSES: Who am I? How should I respond?
5 and justice for the oppressed.	Ex 23:6 Lev 19:15 Ps 82:3,4 Ps 140:12 Prov 29:7 Prov 31:9 Isa 1:17 Jer 9:24 Mic 6:8 Zech 7:9, 10 Mt 23:23 Lk 4:18		
6 With God's Word, the Spirit's power, and fervent prayer in Christ's name,	Eph 6:10-18		

ARTICLE PHRASES	VERSES	MAIN IDEAS: Who is God? What has He done?	MY RESPONSES: Who am I? How should I respond?
7 we	Heb 3:13 Heb 10:25		
8 are to combat the spiritual forces of evil.	2 Cor 10:3-5 Eph 6:11,12 2 Tim 4:7 1 Jn 5:3-4		
9 In obedience to Christ's commission, we are to make disciples among all people,	Mt 28:19 Jn 20:21 Rev 7:9		
10 always bearing witness to the gospel	Act 1:8		
11 in word and deed.	Mt 5:13-16		

Who is God and what does he do?

Who am I and what should I do?

How is this relevant in our current cultural and historical setting?

What is a key takeaway for you?

Gospel Statement: CHRISTIAN LIVING

God's gospel compels us to Christ-like living and witness to the world.

We believe in the personal, bodily and glorious return of our Lord Jesus Christ. The coming of Christ, at a time known only to God, demands constant expectancy and, as our blessed hope, motivates the believer to godly living, sacrificial service and energetic mission.

ARTICLE PHRASES	VERSES	MAIN IDEAS: Who is God? What has He done?	MY RESPONSES: Who am I? How should I respond?
1 We believe in the personal, bodily	Mt 24:30 Mt 26:64 Act 1:11 Rev 1:7		
2 and glorious	Mt 16:27 Mt 19:28 Mt 24:30 Mt 25:31 Mk 8:38 Lk 9:26 Lk 21:27 Col 3:4 2 Th 1:10 Titus 2:13 1 Pet 1:7 1 Pet 4:13 1 Pet 5:1,4		

ARTICLE PHRASES	VERSES	MAIN IDEAS: Who is God? What has He done?	MY RESPONSES: Who am I? How should I respond?
3 return of our Lord Jesus Christ.	Mt 25:31 Titus 2:13 2 Th 1:6-8 Rev 19:11-21		
4 The coming of Christ, at a time known only to God,	Mt 24:36 Mk 13:32		
5 demands constant expectancy	Mt 24:42-51 Rom 13:11-14 1 Th 5:1-11 Jas 5:8,9 2 Pet 3:10-14 Rev 3:3		

ARTICLE PHRASES	VERSES	MAIN IDEAS: Who is God? What has He done?	MY RESPONSES: Who am I? How should I respond?
6 and, as our blessed hope,	Titus 2:13		
7 motivates the believer to godly living, sacrificial service and energetic mission.	2 Th 1:6-8 2 Tim 4:8 Titus 2:14 Heb 9:28 1 Jn 3:2-3 2 Pet 3:10-14		

QUESTION: CHRIST'S RETURN

Who is God and what does he do?

Who am I and what should I do?

How is this relevant in our current cultural and historical setting?

What is a key takeaway for you?

Gospel Statement: CHRIST'S RETURN

God's gospel will be brought to fulfillment by the Lord Himself at the end of this age.

We believe that God commands everyone everywhere to believe the gospel by turning to Him in repentance and receiving the Lord Jesus Christ. We believe that God will raise the dead bodily and judge the world, assigning the unbeliever to condemnation and eternal conscious punishment and the believer to eternal blessedness and joy with the Lord in the new heaven and the new earth, to the praise of His glorious grace. Amen.

ARTICLE PHRASES	VERSES	MAIN IDEAS: Who is God? What has He done?	MY RESPONSES: Who am I? How should I respond?
1 We believe that God commands everyone everywhere	Act 20:20		
2 to believe the gospel	Mk 1:15 Jn 6:29 Jn 8:24 Jn 11:26 Jn 14:1 Jn 20:31 Act 16:31 Rom 3:22 Rom 10:14 Gal 3:22 1 Tim 1:16 1 Pet 1:8 1 Jn 3:23		

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3 by turning to Him in repentance	Isa 55:6-7 Lk 24:47 Act 2:37-38 Act 3:19 Act 14:15 Act 20:21 Act 26:17,18 Rom 2:4 2 Cor 7:9-10		
4 and receiving the Lord Jesus Christ.	Jn 1:12		
5 We believe that God will raise the dead bodily	Isa 26:19 Dan 12:2 1 Cor 15 1 Th 4:13-18 Rev 20:13		

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6 and judge the world,	Ecc 12:14 Mt 12:36 Mt 26:31-32 Act 17:31 Rom 14:10 2 Cor 5:10 2 Tim 4:1 Rev 20:12		
7 assigning the unbeliever to condemnation and eternal conscious punishment	Mt 25:46 Lk 16:26 2 Th 1:9 Rev 14:11 Rev 21:6,8 Rev 22:14,15		

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8 and the believer to eternal blessedness and joy with the Lord	Mt 25:34,46 Jn 14:2 Rev 21:1-3		
9 in the new heaven and the new earth,	Isa 65:17 Isa 66:22 Rom 8:19-21 Heb 12:26-27 2 Pet 3:13 Rev 21:1 Rev 22:3		
10 to the praise of His glorious grace.	Eph 1:6 Eph 1:12		
11 Amen.			

Who is God and what does he do?

Who am I and what should I do?

How is this relevant in our current cultural and historical setting?

What is a key takeaway for you?

Gospel Statement: RESPONSE AND ETERNAL DESTINY
God's gospel requires a response that has eternal consequences.

GOD

God's gospel originates in and expresses the wondrous perfections of the eternal, triune God.

THE BIBLE

God's gospel is authoritatively revealed in the Scriptures.

THE HUMAN CONDITION

God's gospel alone addresses our deepest need.

JESUS CHRIST

God's gospel is made known supremely in the Person of Jesus Christ.

THE WORK OF CHRIST

God's gospel is accomplished through the work of Christ.

THE HOLY SPIRIT

God's gospel is applied by the power of the Holy Spirit.

THE CHURCH

God's gospel is now embodied in the new community called the church.

CHRISTIAN LIVING

God's gospel compels us to Christ-like living and witness to the world.

CHRIST'S RETURN

God's gospel will be brought to fulfillment by the Lord Himself at the end of this age.

RESPONSE AND ETERNAL DESTINY

God's gospel requires a response that has eternal consequences.

1. We believe the Scriptures, both Old and New Testaments, to be the inspired Word of God, without error in the original writings, the complete revelation of His will for the salvation of men, and the Divine and final authority for all Christian faith and life.
2. We believe in one God, Creator of all things, infinitely perfect and eternally existing in three persons, Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
3. We believe that Jesus Christ is true God and true man, having been conceived of the Holy Ghost and born of the Virgin Mary. He died on the cross a sacrifice for our sins according to the Scriptures. Further, He arose bodily from the dead, ascended into heaven, where at the right hand of the Majesty on High, He now is our High Priest and Advocate.
4. We believe that the ministry of the Holy Spirit is to glorify the Lord Jesus Christ, and during this age to convict men, regenerate the believing sinner, indwell, guide, instruct and empower the believer for godly living and service.
5. We believe that man was created in the image of God but fell into sin and is therefore lost and only through regeneration by the Holy Spirit can salvation and spiritual life be obtained.
6. We believe that the shed blood of Jesus Christ and His resurrection provide the only ground for justification and salvation for all who believe, and only such as receive Jesus Christ are born of the Holy Spirit, and thus become children of God.
7. We believe that water baptism and the Lord's supper are ordinances to be observed by the church during the present age. They are, however, not to be regarded as means of salvation.
8. We believe that the true Church is composed of all such persons who through saving faith in Jesus Christ have been regenerated by the Holy Spirit and are united together in the body of Christ of which He is the head.
9. We believe that only those who are thus members of the true Church shall be eligible for membership in the local church.
10. We believe that Jesus Christ is the Lord and Head of the Church, and that every local church has the right under Christ to decide and govern its own affairs.
11. We believe in the personal and premillennial and imminent coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and that this "Blessed Hope" has a vital bearing on the personal life and service of the believer.
12. We believe in the bodily resurrection of the dead; of the believer to everlasting blessedness and joy with the Lord, of the unbeliever to judgment and everlasting conscious punishment.

Doxology

*Sing praises to God, sing praises. Psa. 47:6 I will praise thee, O Lord my God, with all my heart. 86:12
Let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name. Heb. 13:15*

Praise God, from Whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Him, all crea - tures here be - low;
Praise Him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host; Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

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Awake, my Soul, and with the Sun
Thy daily stage of Duty run,
Shake off dull sloth, and joyful rise,
To pay thy Morning sacrifice.

Thy precious Time misspent, redeem,
Each present Day thy last esteem,
Improve thy Talent with due care,
For the Great Day thyself prepare.

'Wake, and lift up thyself, my Heart,
And with the Angels bear they part,
Who all night long unwearied sing,
High Praise to the Eternal King.

I wake, I wake, ye Heavenly Choir,
May your devotion me inspire,
That I like you my Age may spend,
Like you may on my God attend.

May I like you in God delight,
Have all day long my God in sight,
Perform like you my Maker's Will,
O may I never more do ill.

Had I your Wings, to Heaven I'd fly,
But God shall that defect supply,
And my soul wing'd with warm desire,
Shall all day long to Heav'n aspire.

I would not wake, nor rise again,
Ev'n Heaven itself I would disdain,
Wert not Thou there to be enjoy'd,
And I in Hymns to be employ'd.

Lord, I my vows to Thee renew,
Disperse my sins as Morning dew,
Guard my first springs of Thought and Will,
And with Thyself my spirit fill.

Direct, control, suggest, this day,
All I design, or do, or say,
That all my Powers, with all their might,
In Thy sole Glory may unite.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise him all creatures here below,
Praise him above ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.