

Evangelical Convictions | Evangelical Free church of America

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In 2004 a process was initiated that provided an opportunity for those in the [Evangelical Free Church of America](#) to re-examine and finally to reaffirm their central theological convictions. In 2008 the EFCA adopted a newly revised Statement of Faith. This book seeks to give clarity to the theological convictions contained in that Statement-spelling out what is affirmed and what is denied (and what is not addressed). Beyond that, it expounds these convictions-helping the reader understand and appreciate the wonderful truth contained in this brief and concise confession.

Quite simply, the goal in formulating this new [Statement of Faith](#) was to set forth “sound doctrine that conforms to the glorious gospel of the blessed God,” which he has now entrusted to us (1 Tim. 1:10-11). The EFCA believes that our essential theological convictions are vitally connected to this gospel, the evangel, as that gospel message has come to us through the biblical and historic stream of Evangelical Christianity. As an exposition of Evangelical convictions this book will be useful both in the EFCA and in the broader Evangelical world.

This theological exposition speaks clearly but, as much as possible, without technical theological terms so that it can be profitable for all believers who need to be grounded in the essentials of the faith. Moreover, the theology set forth in this exposition is doxological-that is, it ought to lead us to exalt the greatness and grace of our God. As Paul instructs Timothy, “*What you heard from me, keep as the pattern of sound teaching, with faith and love in Christ Jesus. Guard the good deposit that was entrusted to you-guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us*” (2 Tim. 1:13-14). Evangelical Convictions was written with the prayer that it may be an instrument of the Spirit to help those in the EFCA, and faithful believers everywhere, to guard, and to bear witness to, the good deposit of the gospel.

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