

Foundations of Faith

1. That there is a God, and God has revealed Himself as Father, Son and Holy Spirit through His Holy Word (The Holy Bible), most fully revealing Himself in the person of Jesus Christ.
2. That God's creative power acts in the universe. We acknowledge that God blessed humankind with an intimate relationship with Himself and with the responsibility for God's created order, but we have rebelled, and we continue to rebel, against God.
3. Therefore, God in His infinite mercy sent His only Son Jesus Christ to rescue us and save us by His death on the cross and His resurrection in order to restore our broken relationship with Him.
4. We know this through the Old and New Testaments of the Holy Bible, which contain a things necessary for salvation.
5. The Bible reveals that our way back to God is through a relationship with His only begotten Son Jesus Christ.
6. This relationship is one that each person must choose, and as that decision is made, God sends His Holy Spirit to live in the hearts of those who are now his new creations, and through the sacrament of Baptism we are adopted into God's family as his children.
7. As a new creation, we each seek to follow the Risen Christ, to be His disciples, and to live as God has instructed us in His Holy Word. We do this not just as individuals, but as members of the Body of Christ which is His Church.
8. As members of the Body, we gather to devote ourselves to the Scriptures, to prayer, to fellowship, and to the celebration of the Eucharist (Holy Communion) together. (Acts 2:42-47) We recognize that to love Jesus is to obey Him (John 14).
9. We treasure our membership in his Body, which is the universal church that has guarded and passed on the faith through the ages. We understand the Apostle's Creed to be our Baptismal profession and the Nicene Creed to be a sufficient statement of our universal Christian faith.
10. We value that we are members of the one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church that through the ages has sought to enable people to live out their faith. As such we value that godly Bishops have guarded this faith for centuries.
11. Finally, in obedience to our Lord Jesus Christ and in response to His Love, we proclaim Him to others, loving them and inviting them into a relationship with God through His Son.