

# Affirmation of Doctrinal Points and Positional Statements

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# **Doctrinal Points**

## God

**1.** We believe in one God (*Dt.* 6:4; *Mk.* 12:29), Creator of all things (*Gen.* 1:1; *Ps.* 33:6; *Jn.* 1:3; *Col.* 1:15-17; *Heb.* 11:3), holy (Ex. 15:11; Isa. 6:3; 57:15), infinitely perfect (*Dt.* 32:4; *Job* 1:7-10; *Ps.* 18:30; 50:2; 90:2; 145:3; *Matt.* 5:48), and eternally existing (*Ps.* 33:11; 102:25-27; 115:3; *Dan.* 4:34-35; *Jn.* 5:26; *Acts* 17:24-25) in a loving unity (*In.* 3:35; 17:24; 1 *Jn.* 4:8,16) of three equally divine Persons: (*In.* 17:11; *Matt.* 3:16-17; 28:19; 2 *Cor.* 13:14; 1 *Pet.* 1:2): the Father (*Dt.* 32:6; *Mt.* 6:6; *Rom.* 8:15; 1 *Cor.* 8:6) the Father, the Son (*Matt.* 3:17; *Jn.* 1:14; 3:16; *Gal.* 4:4; *Heb.* 1:5), and the Holy Spirit (*In.* 14:16, 17, 26; 15:26; 16:7-15; *Rom.* 8:9, 26; *Gal.* 4:6). Having limitless knowledge (*Ps.* 139:1-16; 147:5; *Isa.* 46:10; *Jn.* 21:17) and sovereign power (*Jer.* 32:17; *Eph.* 1:11; *Rm.* 8:28; 2 *Cor.* 6:18; *Eph.* 3:20; *Rev.* 1:8), God has graciously purposed from eternity to redeem a people for Himself (1 Cor. 2:7; *Eph.* 1:11; 3:10,11; 2 *Tim.* 1:9; *Tit.* 1:2; 1 *Pet.* 1:20; *Rev.* 13:8) and to make all things new (*Matt.* 19:28; *Acts* 3:21; *Rom.* 8:19-21; *Rev.* 21,22) for His own glory (*Ps.* 19:1-2; *Isa.* 43:7; *Jer.* 13:11; *Col.* 1:15-23; *Rev.* 4:11; 5:9-14).

## The Bible

2. We believe that God has spoken in the Scriptures (*Matt.* 1:22; 4:4; 19:4,5; *Heb.* 1:1-2), both Old and New Testaments (2 Pet. 3:15,16), through the words of human authors (*Lk.* 1:1-4). As the verbally inspired Word of God (2 Tim. 3:16; 2 Pet. 1:20,21), the Bible is without error in the original writings (*Num.* 23:19; 2 Sam. 7:28; Prov. 30:5; Ps. 119:96, 160; Matt. 5:18; Jn. 10:35; 17:17; Tit. 1:1,2), the complete revelation of His will for salvation (*Lk.* 16:29-31; Gal. 1:8,9; 2 Tim. 3:15), and the ultimate authority by which every realm of human knowledge and endeavor should be judged (*In.* 17:17; 2 Tim. 3:15-17; 1 Pet. 1:23; Ps. 119:44,45,165). Therefore, it is to be believed in all that it teaches (*Matt.* 22:29; Rom. 15:4; 2 Tim. 3:16), obeyed in all that it requires (*Matt.* 28:20; 2 Thess. 3:14; 1 Jn. 2:5), and trusted in all that it promises (Rom. 1:2; 4:21; Heb. 10:23; 2 Pet. 1:4; 3:13).

#### The Human Condition

**3.** We believe that God created Adam and Eve in His image (*Gen.* 1:26-27; 5:1; 9:6; 1 *Cor.* 11:7; *Col.* 3:10; *Jms.* 3:9), but they sinned when tempted by Satan (*Gen.* 3:1-6; *Jn.* 8:44; *Rom.* 5:12-14; 16:20; 2 *Cor.* 11:3; 1 *Tim.* 2:13-14). In union with Adam (*Job* 14:4; *Ps.* 51:5; *Jn.* 3:6; *Rom.* 3:12; 5:12-14; 1 *Cor.* 15:22a; 1 *Jn.* 1:8), human beings are sinners by nature and by choice (*Gen.* 6:5; *Jer.* 17:9; *Isa.* 6:5; *Rom.* 5:15; 8:5-8; *Eph.* 2:1-2; 4:17-19), alienated from God (*Rom.* 5:10), and under His wrath (*Rom.* 1:18; 2:5; 3:9-19; 3:23; *Eph.* 2:3). Only through God's saving work in Jesus Christ (*Act* 4:12; 1 *Tim.* 2:5) can we be rescued (1 *Thess.* 1:10), reconciled (*Rom.* 5:1,2,10; *Col.* 1:20) and renewed (*Rom.* 8:29; 2 *Cor.* 3:18; *Eph.* 4:24; *Phil.* 3:21; 1 *Jn.* 3:2).

#### Jesus Christ

4. We believe that Jesus Christ (*Matt. 1:21; 16:18*) is God incarnate (*Jn. 1:14, 18; 1 Jn. 4:2*), fully God (*Isa. 9:6; Jer. 23:6; Jn. 1:1; 20:28; Rom. 9:5; Col. 2:9*) and fully man (*Matt. 4:2; Lk. 2:40, 52; Jn. 11:35; Heb. 5:7-8; 1 Jn. 1:1-3*), one Person in two natures (*Jn. 3:13; 10:30; 17:5*). Jesus—Israel's promised Messiah (*Gen. 3:14-20; 12:1-3; 49:8-12; 2 Sam. 7:11b-16; Matt. 1:1,* 

17; Lk. 4:16-22; 24:25-27; Jn. 1:41; 4:25-26; Acts 2:36; 13:23,32; Rom. 1:2-3; 2 Tim. 2:8,9)—was conceived through the Holy Spirit (Matt. 1:18; Lk. 1:34,35) and born of the virgin Mary (Isa. 7:14; Matt. 1:20; Lk. 1:34,35). He lived a sinless life (Rom. 5:19; Gal. 4:4,5; Matt. 3:15; Phil. 2:7,8; Heb. 4:15), was crucified under Pontius Pilate (Dt. 21:23; Ps. 16:10; Matt. 27:26; Mk. 15:15; Lk. 23:16; Jn. 19:16; Acts 2:27, 37), arose bodily from the dead (Matt. 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), ascended into heaven (Lk. 24:51; Acts 1:6-11; Eph. 1:20; 4:8-10; 1 Tim. 3:16) and sits at the right hand of God the Father (Eph. 1:20; Col. 3:1; Heb. 1:3; 8:1; 10:12; 1 Pet. 3:22) as our High Priest (Heb. 2:17; 3:1; 4:14; 6:20; 8:1) and Advocate (Rom. 8: 34; Heb. 7:25; 9:24; 1 Jn. 2:1).

### The Work of Christ

**5.** We believe that Jesus Christ, as our representative (*Gen. 2:15-17; Matt. 4:1-11; Mk. 1:12-13; Lk. 4:1-13; Rom. 5:18-19; 1 Cor. 1:30; 15:45, 47; Phil. 3:9*) and substitute (*Mk. 10:45; Heb. 2:16-17; 1 Pet. 2:24; 3:18*), shed His blood on the cross (*Lev. 17:11; Mt. 26:28; Heb. 9:14, 22; 10:19; 1 Pet. 1:18-19; Rev. 12:10-11*) as the perfect, all-sufficient sacrifice (*1 Cor. 5:7; Heb. 9:23-24, 26, 28; 10:1; 13:11, 12*) 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*). His atoning death (*Rom. 3:25; Heb. 2:17; 1 Jn. 2:2; 4:10*) and victorious resurrection (*Col. 1:13; 2:13-15; Heb. 2:14-15*) constitute the only ground for salvation (*Rom. 4:25; 6:4, 11, 14; 1 Cor. 6:14; 15:20; 2 Cor. 4:14; Eph. 1:19-20; 2:5-6; 1 Pet. 1:3*).

#### The Holy Spirit

6. We believe that the Holy Spirit, in all that He does, glorifies the Lord Jesus Christ (*jn.* 16:14). He convicts the world of its guilt (*jn.* 16:8; 1 Cor. 2:14). He regenerates sinners (*Ezek.* 36:25-27; *Jn.* 3:3, 5; 1 Cor. 12:3; 2 Cor. 5:17; Eph. 2:5; Col. 2:13; 1 Thess. 1:4-5; 2 Thess. 2:13; Tit. 3:5; Jms. 1:18; 1 Pet. 1:3), and in Him they are baptized (*Mk.* 1:8; Acts 1:5; 1 Cor. 12:13) into union with Christ (*Rom.* 3:24; 5:15-21; 12:5; 1 Cor. 1:2; 5:19; 15:22b; 2 Cor. 5:17; Gal. 1:22; 2:17; 3:28; Eph. 1:4; 2:12; 3:6; 4:32; 2 Tim. 2:10; 1 Thess. 4:16) and adopted as heirs (*Rom.* 8:15, 23; 9:4; Gal. 4:5; Eph. 1:5; Tit. 3:7) in the family of God (*Matt.* 12:49-50; 2 Cor. 6:18; Eph. 3:14; 1 Jn. 3:14-18). He also indwells (*Jn.* 14:17; *Rom.* 8:11; 1 Cor. 3:16), illuminates (*1* Cor. 2:2; 2 Cor. 4:4-15; Eph. 1:17-19; Phil. 1:9-11), guides (*Jn.* 16:13; Acts 15:28; Rom. 8:4, 14; Gal. 5:16, 18), equips (*Rom.* 12:4-8; 1 Cor. 12: 4-10; Eph. 4:7-11; 1 Pet. 4:10-11) and empowers (Acts 1:8; 10:38; Rom. 15:13; 1 Cor. 12:11; Eph. 3:16; 2 Tim. 1:7) believers for Christ-like living and service (Acts 6:8; Rom. 8:4-6, 12-16; 2 Cor. 13:14; Gal. 3:3, 5; 5:22-23, 25; Eph. 2:22; 4:3; Phil. 2:1-2).

#### The Church

7. We believe that the true church (*Matt.* 16:18; 1 Cor. 12:28; Eph. 4:4-6; 5:25; Heb. 12:28) 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; Acts 16:31; Rom. 3:20-28; 4:3; 5:1, 21; 8:1, 30, 33-34; 10:4, 9; 2 Cor. 5:21; Gal. 2:16; Eph. 2:8-9; Phil. 3:9; Tit. 3:7; Heb. 10:14). They are united by the Holy Spirit in the body of Christ (1 Cor. 12:12-27), of which He is the Head (*Eph.* 1:22-23; 4:15-16; Col. 1:18; 2:19). The true church is manifest in local churches (*Acts* 9:31; 20:28-30; Rom. 16:5; 1 Cor. 1:2; 16:19; 2 Cor. 1:1; 1 Thess. 1:1; Philem. 1-2), whose membership should be composed only of believers (*Matt.* 18:15-20; Acts 2:41, 47; 14:23; 20:7; 1 Cor. 1:2, 9; 11:20; 12:13; 14:40; 16:1-2; 1 Tim. 3:1- 13; 5:9; Tit. 1:5-9; Heb. 10:25). The Lord Jesus mandated two ordinances, baptism (*Matt.* 28:18-20; Rom. 6:3-4; Col. 2:12) and the Lord's Supper (*Matt.* 26:26-29; Mk. 14:22-25; Lk. 22:15-20; 1 Cor. 11:23-26), 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; Acts 2:38; 8:39; 16:34; 1 Cor. 10:16; 11:29-30; Col. 2:12).

#### **Christian Living**

8. We believe that God's justifying grace must not be separated from His sanctifying power and purpose (*Matt.* 7:17-18; 12:33, 35; Heb. 11:6; Eph. 2:10; 1 Cor. 10:31; Col. 3:17, 23; 2 Thess. 2:13; 5:23; 2 Cor. 5:17; 1 Jn. 2:29; 3:9; 5:18; 2 Cor. 3:18; Tit. 3:5; 1 Cor. 6:11; Rom. 6:11, 14; 1 Pet. 1:15; Phil. 2:12-13; Heb. 12:1, 14; Rom. 6; 2 Tim. 1:9; Js. 2:17; 1 Pet. 2:24; 2 Pet. 1:3-11). God commands us to love Him supremely and others sacrificially (*Dt.* 6:5; Lev. 19:18; *Matt.* 22:37-39; *Mk.* 12:30; Lk. 10:27) and to live out our faith with care for one another (*Rom.* 12:10; 14:13; 15:7, 14; Gal. 5:26; Eph. 4:32; 1 Thess. 3:12; 5:11, 15; Heb. 10:24-25; 1 Pet. 4:9), compassion toward the poor (*Dt.* 15:11; Psa. 82:3,4; Psa. 140:12; Prov. 14:21,31; 19:17; 22:9,16,22,23; 28:8; 29:7; 31:8,9; Jer. 22:16; Gal. 2:10; Js. 1:27) and justice for the oppressed (*Ex.* 23:6; Lev. 19:15; Psa. 82:3,4; 140:12; Prov. 29:7; 31:9; Isa. 1:17; Jer. 9:24; Mic. 6:8; Zech. 7:9,10; Matt. 23:23; Luke 4:18). With God's Word, the Spirit's power, and fervent prayer in Christ's name (*Eph.* 6:10-18), we (*Heb.* 3:13; 10:25), 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). In obedience to Christ's commission, we are to make disciples among all people (*Matt.* 28:19; Jn. 20:21; *Rev.* 7:9), always bearing witness to the gospel (*Acts* 1:8) in word and deed (*Matt.* 5:13-16).

## **Christ's Return**

9. We believe in the personal and bodily (Matt. 24:30; 26:64; Acts 1:11; Rev. 1:7) and glorious return of our Lord Jesus Christ (Matt. 25:31; Tit. 2:13; 2 Thess. 1:6-8; Rev. 19:11-21). The coming of Christ, at a time known only to God

(*Matt.* 24:36; *Mk.* 13:32), demands constant expectancy (*Matt.* 24:42-51; *Rom.* 13:11-14; 1 Thess. 5:1-11; Js. 5:8,9; 2 Pet. 3:10-14; *Rev.* 3:3) and, as our blessed hope (*Tit.* 2:13), motivates the believer to godly living, sacrificial service and energetic mission (2 Thess. 1:6-8; 2 Tim. 4:8; Tit. 2:14; Heb. 9:28; 1 Jn. 3:2-3; 2 Pet. 3:10-14).

#### **Response and Eternal Destiny**

**10.** We believe that God commands everyone everywhere (*Acts* 17:30; 20:20) to believe the gospel (*Mk*. 1:15; *Jn*. 6:29; 8:24; 11:26; 14:1; 20:31; *Acts* 16:31; *Rom*. 3:22; 10:14; *Gal*. 3:22; 1 *Tim*. 1:16; 1 *Pet*. 1:8; 1 *Jn*. 3:23) by turning to Him in repentance (*Isa*. 55:6-7; *Lk*. 24:47; *Acts* 2:37-38; 3:19; 14:15; 17:30; 20:21; 26:17,18; *Rom*. 2:4; 2 *Cor*. 7:9-10) and receiving the Lord Jesus Christ (*In*. 1:12). We believe that God will raise the dead bodily (*Isa*. 26:19; *Dan*. 12:2; 1 *Cor*. 15; 1 *Thess*. 4:13-18; *Rev*. 20:13) and judge the world (*Ecc*. 12:14; *Matt*. 12:36; 26:31-32; *Acts* 17:31; *Rom*. 14:10; 2 *Cor*. 5:10; 2 *Tim*. 4:1; *Rev*. 20:12), assigning the unbeliever to condemnation and eternal conscious punishment (*Matt*. 25:46; *Lk*. 16:26; 2 *Thess*. 1:9; *Rev*. 14:11; 21:6,8; 22:14,15), and the believer to eternal blessedness and joy with the Lord (*Matt*. 25:34, 46; *Jn*. 14:2; *Rev*. 21:1-3), in the new heaven and the new earth (*Isa*. 65:17; 66:22; *Rom*. 8:19-21; *Heb*. 12:26;27; 2 *Pet*. 3:13; *Rev*. 21:1; 22:3), to the praise of His glorious grace (*Eph*. 1:6, 12). Amen.

Please Note: These doctrinal points are taken from the EFCA Statement of Faith adopted in 2019.

# **Positional Statements**

- 1. We believe that sexual activity and intimacy are intended by the Creator to be enjoyed solely within a monogamous, heterosexual marital partnership between one man and one woman (Gen. 2:23-24; Lev.18:22; Matt. 19:4-6; Mark 10:6-9, Rom. 1:24-27; Eph. 5:31; Heb 13:4).
- We believe that God created two, and only two, distinct sexes, male (man) and female (woman) (Gen. 1:27; Gen. 5:2; Matt. 19:4; Mk. 10:6; 1 Cor. 13-16). We believe that biological sex is immutable (unchangeable) (Lev. 12:1-5) and that any attempt at altering one's biological sex is a rejection of God's good design (Gen. 1:31; Deut. 22:5; Ps. 104:24; Ps. 139:14; Matt. 16:24; Rom. 11:33; Rom. 12:1-2; 1 Cor. 6:19-20; 2 Pet. 1:3).

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