



THE COMMONS CHURCH CONFESSION OF FAITH

1. We are compelled by a triune God who has revealed himself as the perfect love of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Therefore, we will live in community of mutual submission and reflect the perfect love of God.

Deuteronomy 6:4; Matthew 3:16-17; Matthew 28:19; Mark 1:3; John 14:26; John 17:24; 2 Corinthians 13:13-14

2. We are compelled by the God who has revealed himself through the Bible and preeminently through His Son, Jesus Christ—the “Word made flesh.”

Therefore we will teach the word of Christ and let it dwell in us richly. The NT will interpret the OT, and Jesus will be our hermeneutic.

John 1:18; John 14:8-11; Colossians 1:15-20; 2 Timothy 3:16-17; Hebrews 1:1-3; 2 Peter 1:16-21

3. We are compelled by a God who became fully human without ceasing to be fully God in order to inaugurate the kingdom of God and demonstrate its presence.

Therefore, we will live humble, simple, generous, and peaceful lives.

Matthew 1:18-25; Matthew 4:23-24; John 1:1-14; Philippians 2:5-11; Hebrews 2:14-18; Hebrews 4:14-15

4. We are compelled by a God who loves us all though we are sinners and whose love looks like suffering on a cross.

Therefore we will forgive, love our enemies, pray for those who harass us, endure suffering, and embrace the oppressed.

John 3:16-18; John 15:13; Romans 5:7-8; Romans 8:31-39; Ephesians 2:4-5; Ephesians 5:2; 1 John 3:16; 1 John 4:8-10

5. We are compelled by a God who came, died, and rose again to destroy the works of the devil and liberate us from sin and death.

Therefore, we will not let sin rule our bodies. We will live as ambassadors of reconciliation, letting the peace of Christ control our hearts.

Isaiah 53:1-12; Matthew 27:27-28:20; Mark 10:45; Romans 3:21-26; Romans 5:1-11; Romans 6:3-23; Romans 8:18-25; 1 Corinthians 15:20-28; 2 Corinthians 5:18-21; Ephesians 1:3-12; Colossians 1:13-22; Colossians 2:14-15; Titus 2:11-14; Hebrews 2:15; 1 Peter 2:21-25; 1 John 3:8

6. We are compelled by a God who calls to himself a people saved by his grace and mercy to reign with him forever.

Therefore, we will live in a manner worthy of our calling, as a people prepared for good works and who give thanks to God in all things.

John 1:12-13; Romans 3:22; Romans 8:14-17; Galatians 3:22-29; Ephesians 2:4-10; Titus 3:4-7; Revelation 1:5-6; Revelation 3:26-28

7. We are compelled by a God who empowers and equips his people to serve by filling them with his Spirit.

Therefore, we will yield ourselves to the Holy Spirit, and live in his fullness.

John 14:16-17,26; John 16:5-15; Acts 1:8; Romans 8:26; Romans 12:3-8; 1 Corinthians 3:16; 1 Corinthians 12:1-31; Ephesians 1:13-14; Ephesians 5:18; 1 Peter 4:10-11; 1 John 3:24

8. We are compelled by a God who invites humanity into his covenant community to participate with him and his work.

Therefore, we will live faithfully to God as members of Christ, building one another up and bearing witness of Christ.

Genesis 1:26-28; Genesis 12,15,17; Exodus 19:4-6; Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 1:8; Ephesians 3:10-11; Ephesians 6:12; 1 Peter 2:9-10