

**Lead Us to the Rock: “Living Connected to Christ and Each Other”
Ephesians 3:8-12 and 4:11-16 (Colossians 2:18-19)**

This summer we will be calling out to God from the midst of the overwhelming waves, the deep waters, the miry clay, and the storms. We will ask God to have mercy on us and to deliver us from the trials in which we find ourselves. We will cry out to God, “Lead us to the Rock.”

EFCA Statement of Faith

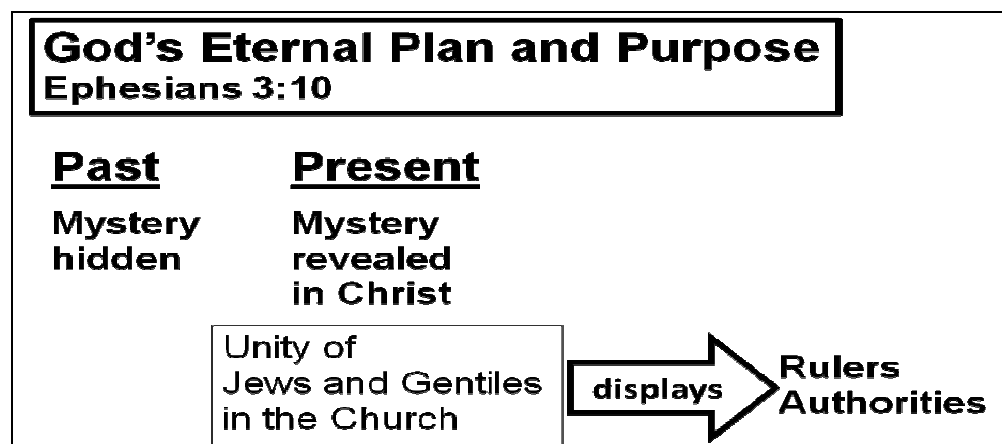
2008 Statement of Faith

The Church

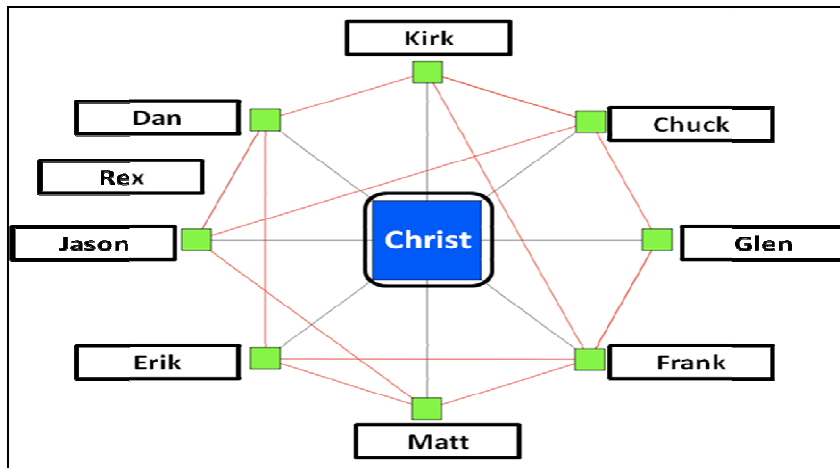
7. We believe that the true church comprises all who have been justified by God's grace through faith alone in Christ alone. They are united by the Holy Spirit in the body of Christ, of which He is the Head. The true church is manifest in local churches, whose membership should be composed only of believers. 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.

1950 Statement of Faith

- 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.



Connected to Christ and to one another for Growth



Day by Day in the Word

“Day by Day in the Word” is a tool we use to help in the transformation process in which the Spirit of God uses the Word of God to bring about Christlikeness.

Monday-Tuesday

- Look up the following verses for each of the statements.
- **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).
- What questions come to your mind? What principles have you discovered that you can put into practice? Share with a friend what you are working on in your life.

Wednesday-Thursday

- Look up the following verses for each of the statements.
- **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).
- What questions come to your mind? What principles have you discovered that you can put into practice? Share with a friend what you are working on in your life.

Friday-Saturday

- Look up the following verses for each of the statements.
- **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).
- What questions come to your mind? What principles have you discovered that you can put into practice? Share with a friend what you are working on in your life.