

# A SUMMARY OF THE GOSPEL

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- I believe in one true and living God,  
who is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
He made all things, he sustains all things,  
and everything that is belongs to him.  
All things owe him praise.
- I believe God the Son entered history as a true and perfect man,  
to rescue us from the holy wrath of God  
and the ruinous power of our own self-worship.  
His life is our righteousness, his death was our ransom,  
and his resurrection is our hope.
- I believe God the Spirit speaks in Scripture,  
changes our hearts, and gives us faith.  
By him Christ lives in us.  
He unites us to Jesus as our head,  
and joins us to the church as his body.  
By him we feed on Christ.  
He enlightens our minds, retrain our affections,  
renews our wills, and infuses our lives  
to obey the law of Christ.  
These things are supernatural, but they are not irrational.
- I believe the gospel is God's open hand of love to the world.  
In it, Jesus Christ, with all his goodness,  
is offered freely and sincerely to every soul.  
We cannot yet take hold of his physical person,  
but we may now take hold of his literal promise.  
In receiving his promise, we receive him,  
for a promise can never be separated from him who gives it.
- I believe Christian faith consists in this –  
receiving Christ as God's gift to me,  
believing all that he did, he did for me,  
believing Jesus will keep his gospel promises to me.  
The moment we believe, we are changed forever –  
not by what we do, but by whom we trust.
- I believe the Christian life has one chief aim –  
to magnify God and enjoy him forever.  
We walk and we witness, we worship and work,  
we do good deeds and enjoy God's gifts,  
not because they make us look good,  
but because they are good.
- I believe that when sufferings come, we yet may rejoice,  
for they teach us to love God –  
not only for his gifts, but simply for himself.  
Though cross precede crown, our hearts are set free,  
to live no longer out of fear, but forever out of love. Amen.