

Statements of Faith, Doctrine, and Intent

Statement of Faith

The NCWA has adopted the Apostles' Creed as our statement of faith.

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian* Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

(**Christian*: The ancient text reads *catholic*, which instead of a reference to the Roman Catholic Church, means the whole Church as it confesses the wholeness of Christian doctrine.)

Doctrines

Additionally, the NCWA has embraced the following doctrines that we believe are cornerstones of the Christian faith and life as revealed through the Holy Scriptures:

- We believe in one God, existing in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, coequal and eternal (Gen. 1:16; John 1:1–3; 10:30; 14:16).
- We believe all have sinned and that sin separates us from God (Rom. 3:23).
- We believe salvation has been provided through the Lord Jesus Christ alone (John 14:6).
- We believe the Bible is the infallible Word of God and is the supreme authority in all matters of faith and conduct (2 Tim. 3:16–17).
- We believe in the sanctity and fidelity of marriage between one man and one woman and in chastity and sexual abstinence outside of marriage (Exod. 20:14; Matt. 19:4–5; 1 Cor. 7:8–9).
- We believe every Christian is called according to God's purpose to serve in obedience to Jesus' teachings in thought, word, and deed (John 14:15; 2 Cor. 3:7–4:1).
- We believe the chief aim of humanity is to glorify God and to enjoy him forever (1 Cor. 6:20; Rev. 4:11; 21:3–4).

Intent

As members of NCWA, we seek to glorify God through our personal lives and in our writing for both the Christian market and the general market.