

Statement of Faith of Wael Sous

I believe in one God, creator and sustainer of all heaven and earth. This Sovereign God is of one substance, and he reveals himself in three persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. According to the Word of God, I believe that God created both male and female in the image of God, to enjoy God and glorify God forever.

I believe in death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, God's Son revealed in The Holy Scriptures; for it is Christ who was born and suffered a cruel death on the cross under the judgment of Pontius Pilate. For it was in the cross that Jesus took the sins of the world onto his shoulders and it is the cross that we see the redemptive act of God's everlasting love; his forgiveness of sin, offered to all those who would believe and accept Christ as Lord and Savior.

Our Lord suffered, was buried and then rose on the third day as promised in the scriptures and as written in the creeds and confessions of the church. In the resurrection, we see God's power over death in addition to, the Son of God was victorious. Christ then ascended into heaven to be seated at the right hand of God the Father.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the third person of the trinity, our advocate and giver of all life who is equal with God the Father and God the Son and I believe that through the Holy Spirit, the prophets spoke the word of God and who God inspired. It is by the Holy Spirit that hearts opened and God's self-revelation of God's love is made known to those who need God.

I believe in the Holy Scriptures as being the inspired and authoritative witness to the Word of God and to revelation of Jesus Christ, God's only Son. The Old Testament Scriptures are God's revelation to us of God's covenantal promise to walk with us. The New Testament scriptures are God's promise of a savior who would come to bring new life to those who would listen. The Holy Scriptures are given to those who believe in God and are used for knowledge of God and how to live in right relationship with God and with the world.

I believe in one church of Christ and he is the head of the church. The church is the gathering of God in worship, praise of God, and give praise for God's Son, Jesus Christ. The church through the power of the Holy Spirit is the place where those who seek God's love can find God's love and redeeming power to transform their lives. The church is a refuge for the lost, a place for those to grow in their faith, and a place for the Good News of the Gospel to be proclaimed throughout the world. I believe that the church is a place where both women and men are chosen, equipped and who are equally called by God to respond to the charge given by Christ, to "go out and make disciples of all nations".

I believe in the sacrament of baptism as the sign and seal of God's covenant of grace and love. Through one baptism by water and through the empowerment of the Holy Spirit, we experience new life. Also, we can experience how to be cleansed and forgiven of sin. The sacrament of the Lord's Supper is to remember the sacrificed love of Christ and his death for us on the cross and to celebrate the promise of new life found in the resurrection. In the

sacrament, we become one with Christ. In the proclamation of the word around the table, we come to be renewed and given hope that God through Jesus Christ will one day reconcile the world. This world will one day pass and in that day, Christ will return in grace and power according to the scriptures, as Christ will establish a new heaven and a new earth. We the people of God wait for that day to come with hope and praying, **“Come Lord Jesus, Come. ”**