

The 2025 Young Reformers Core Protestant Confession:



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Purpose:

The purpose of this confession is to create a statement of faith around which the Young Reformer movement may be able to gather and affirm. While the main theological foundation of this confession comes from the rich heritage of Baptists, we maintain a statement of faith true to Nicene Christianity and the Historic Conservative Protestant Tradition, hoping that everyone may be able to rally around this confession of faith. This confession is in full support of ecumenism within the bounds of Historic Conservative Protestantism.

The Creation, Good & Evil, and the Fall of Man:

As Christians, we believe God created this world with goodness. Nothing was created evil. He created the Heavens, Earth, the physical universe, and all in existence. He created humans and animals. He made humans in his likeness of the intellect and gave them souls. As for animals, it is possible they may have souls, but it is confirmed that if they do, their souls are lesser than that of the humans.

God also created the angels. One of these angels, by the name of Lucifer, challenged God, and brought a big group of the angels down with him. Lucifer, attempting to be more powerful than God, tempted man. Because God gave Man free will, Man had the freedom to choose between God and Evil. Evil obviously was not created by God, but by Satan. And it was Satan who tempted Man. And through that temptation, Eve the first woman, who was formed from the Ribs of Adam the first man, had fallen for the temptation of Satan. She also led her husband to sin, and this was the downfall of man. (Genesis 1-3)

God & the Holy Trinity

We believe in the Triune God existent in three persons, God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. We believe they are three individual personalities, all of them omnipotent, omnipresent, and omniscient, co-equal, and consubstantial to each other. (Matthew 3:13-17, Matthew 28:19)

Sinfulness of Man and God's Just Wrath

As a result of the Fall, all of mankind has been plagued with the spiritual disease of sin, and is therefore unrighteous before a righteous God. Due to our sinful nature, we are unable to be a fully perfect being. The only ever perfect being was Jesus Christ, who was perfect as fully human and fully Divine. As a punishment for our sin, God created Hell, for those who wanted to be disconnected from Him.

(Romans 3:23, Psalms 51:5, Jeremiah 17:9)

Salvation:

Salvation is the work of God through the Spirit by which He regenerates a sinner and declares him righteous through the blood of Christ shed on the cross.

Salvation is obtained by faith through grace alone, not of works, and anyone that trusts in Jesus Christ alone for the forgiveness of sins and repents of their wrongdoing shall be pardoned from the just wrath of God. At salvation, the Holy Spirit begins a work of redemptive transformation in a person, commencing the start of progressive sanctification. We believe that under ordinary circumstances, true, genuine Christians will not lose their salvation but persevere to the end. A true Christian who falls away will always be reconciled with Christ before his death. It is not our place, however, to declare that those who fall away from the faith and never return were never true Christians in the first place. Only God can declare a person as a saint or damned, and we possess no authority to do so.

(Ephesians 2:8-9, Ephesians 1:13-14, John 3:5, 2 Corinthians 5:17, John 10:28-29)

The Afterlife:

All mankind will end up in either two places after the last judgment, heaven, which is eternal fellowship with God, or hell, which is eternal punishment

separated from God. All who have not put their trust in Christ as their Savior will end up in eternal punishment separated from God for the whole of eternity.

Sacred Scripture:

We believe in the verbal inspiration of Scripture, and that it is the only infallible authority of faith and practice for Christians to abide by. We hold to the standard Protestant canon of 66 books which are:

1. Genesis (Old Testament begins)
2. Exodus
3. Leviticus
4. Numbers
5. Deuteronomy
6. Joshua
7. Judges
8. Ruth
9. 1 Samuel
10. 2 Samuel
11. 1 Kings
12. 2 Kings
13. 1 Chronicles
14. 2 Chronicles
15. Ezra
16. Nehemiah
17. Esther
18. Job
19. Psalms (The middle of the Bible*)
20. Proverbs
21. Ecclesiastes
22. Song of Solomon
23. Isaiah
24. Jeremiah
25. Lamentations
26. Ezekiel
27. Daniel
28. Hosea
29. Joel
30. Amos
31. Obadiah
32. Jonah
33. Micah
34. Nahum
35. Habakkuk
36. Zephaniah
37. Haggai
38. Zechariah
39. Malachi
40. Matthew (New Testament begins)
41. Mark
42. Luke
43. John
44. Acts
45. Romans
46. 1 Corinthians

47. 2 Corinthians
48. Galatians
49. Ephesians
50. Philippians
51. Colossians
52. 1 Thessalonians
53. 2 Thessalonians
54. 1 Timothy
55. 2 Timothy
56. Titus
57. Philemon
58. Hebrews
59. James
60. 1 Peter
61. 2 Peter
62. 1 John
63. 2 John
64. 3 John
65. Jude
66. Revelation

Authority & Apostolic Succession:

As Protestants, one of the core tenets of our faith is Sola Scriptura. This means the Bible is the only infallible authority. We believe the Church to also hold authority, but fallible authority. We believe that all ecclesiastical Bishops have equal authority.

As for Apostolic Succession, we believe that, yes, the Apostles did ordain Bishops; however, they did not pass down the infallible authority that God gave them to the Bishops. We believe that while the Bishops pass down some authority to their successors, but by means of teachings, doctrines, creeds, and educating. Not by some mystical power through the laying on of hands, though this is a fine tradition. Lineage to the Apostles is not truly needed in order to have true Christianity, though it can aid in some ways.

The Church:

The Invisible Church

The Church is the body of all Christians worldwide, united in faith through Christ. The True Church is indeed invisible, because it is impossible to know all the Christians that have real faith and are truly saved.

The Visible Church

The Visible Church is the body of all Christians worldwide, and should be an institution. However, through many splits it is now a group of several major institutions.

The Protestant Reformation:

In 1517, when Martin Luther posted the 95 theses to the church, he was correcting the Roman Catholic Church of its wrong issues. However, the Roman Church rejected him and excommunicated him. As Protestants, we are to know that our original goal was to reform the Roman Catholic Church, not to destroy it. We also know that our schism is justified because it was not voluntary, and we were the ones being kicked out. Therefore, we stand on the foundation of Scripture as expressed in the values of Historic Protestantism as summarized in the Five Solas.

The 5 Solas:

Sola Scriptura

The Scripture alone is the only infallible source of faith and practice for Christians. Neither the pope, nor any other Christian leader is to be considered equal in authority to Scripture. Scripture is the only source from which our doctrine must be derived from. (2 Timothy 3:16, Hebrews 4:12, Mark 7:8-9, 1 Corinthians 4:6)

Sola Fide

Salvation is by faith through grace alone. Not by faith plus works, but by faith alone. It is by faith that God declares us righteous through the blood shed by Christ on the cross. (Ephesians 2:8-9, Romans 3:27-28, Galatians 2:16)

Sola Gratia

Sola Gratia states that it is by God's grace and only His grace that we are saved. There's nothing we could have done to earn God's salvation. It is by grace and grace alone. (Ephesians 2:8-9, Romans 3:11, 2 Corinthians 9:8)

Solus Christus

Our salvation is through Faith in Christ alone
(John 3:16, 1 Timothy 2:5, Ephesians 2:8-9)

Soli Deo Gloria:

As Christians, and as Humans, we were created to serve and glorify God.
Therefore we put God in everything that we do, and give glory to God alone.

Sacraments:

In the Bible, Jesus instituted 2 core sacraments: Baptism and Holy Communion. We believe that the church is to regularly observe these sacraments as a way of following Christ, and receiving sanctifying grace.

Baptism:

As Christians, we believe that baptism is the washing of sin and our resurrection to Christ. It is a sacrament commanded by Christ to every Christian. (Matthew 28:19, Acts 2:38, John 3:5)

The Lord's Supper (Holy Communion)

The Lord's Supper is to be observed as a way to remember what Christ has done for us on the cross. We believe it is spiritual nourishment to our souls (John 6:63). We believe it is the Body and Blood of Christ, and that it is to be practiced by breaking bread and the drinking of wine (or grape juice) in remembrance of our Lord. (1 Corinthians 10:16-1)

Position Statements:

Gender and Sexuality

God created two sexes, male and female. We believe that God's special design for sexuality is to be preserved and protected from distortion and alteration. While we sympathize with and want to come along those who are experiencing gender dysphoria, we will in no way condone the celebration of gender transformation, as we believe it to be a distortion of God's good design. (Genesis 5:2, Matthew 19:4)

Marriage

Marriage is between one man and one woman, and it is the covenant in which children are naturally supposed to prosper and grow. Culture has tried to make accommodations for other types of marriage, but as Christians we stand on God's Word, and while we will come alongside those who deal with feelings towards the opposite sex, we cannot condone culture's celebration of alternate forms and distortions of marriage. (Genesis 2:18-21, Matthew 19:4, 1 Corinthians 6:9)

Abortion

We believe life starts at conception, and that every life is important to God. While we believe in a woman's authority over her own body, we believe it is completely anti-woman to support abortion and the murder of babies in the womb for the sole purpose of convenience. (Genesis 9:6, Exodus 23:7, Jeremiah 1:5)

The Protestant Creed (proposed June 28, 2025):

As Protestants,
We believe that we are Justified in Faith alone,
through God's grace alone,
In Christ Alone,
In the Glory of God alone.

We believe in the infallible Authority of scripture,
Reserving the Church and its tradition as authoritative, but not infallible.
We believe the two Core Sacraments of Baptism & Communion,
God's promise through covenants,
Baptism as entrance into the church under the covenant of grace,
And Affirm Communion as a memorial of Christ,
And Christ's presence within the Bread and Wine

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*red highlights controversial areas of the confession

The Mission and Vision of the Young Reformers



Mission:

The mission of the Young Reformers is to revive Christianity among the future generations. Our mission is to plant the seeds of tradition among young minds, so that they grow and continue the historicity along with the Faith of Historic Conservative Protestantism.

Vision:

We envision a future of the younger generations preserving the history and traditions of Protestantism, a revival in Christianity, and Christ being the center of the lives of a majority of America (other countries too). In such a world, Faith would be our life, our guide, and God our shield.