

Ikon Doctrine Class

EFCA Statement of Faith, Article 8

Christian Living

We believe that God's justifying grace must not be separated from His sanctifying power and purpose. God commands us to love Him supremely and others sacrificially, and to live out our faith with care for one another, compassion toward the poor and justice for the oppressed.

*With God's Word, the Spirit's power and fervent prayer in Christ's name,
we are to combat the spiritual forces of evil.*

*In obedience to Christ's commission, we are to make disciples among all people,
always bearing witness to the gospel in word and deed.*

A. We believe God's _____ grace must not be separated from His _____ power and purpose (Matt. 7:17-18; 12:33, 35; Heb. 11:6; Eph. 2:10; 1 Cor. 10:31; Col. 3:17, 23; 2 Thess. 2:13; 5:23; 2 Cor. 5:17; 1 Jn. 2:29; 3:9; 5:18; 2 Cor. 3:18; Tit. 3:5; 1 Cor. 6:11; Rom. 6:11, 14; 1 Pet. 1:15; Phil. 2:12-13; Heb. 12:1, 14; Rom. 6; 2 Tim. 1:9; Js. 2:17; 1 Pet. 2:24; 2 Pet. 1:3-11).

- Justifying grace
- Sanctifying power and purpose

B. We believe God commands us to love _____ supremely and _____ sacrificially (Dt. 6:5; Lev. 19:18; Matt. 22:37-39; Mk. 12:30; Lk. 10:27).

- Love God supremely
- Love others sacrificially

C. We believe that, in loving God supremely and others sacrificially, we are to live out our faith with _____ for one another (Rom. 12:10; 14:13; 15:7, 14; Gal. 5:26; Eph. 4:32; 1 Thess. 3:12; 5:11, 15; Heb. 10:24-25; 1 Pet. 4:9), compassion toward the _____ (Dt. 15:11; Psa. 82:3,4; Psa. 140:12; Prov. 14:21,31; 19:17; 22:9,16,22,23; 28:8; 29:7; 31:8,9; Jer. 22:16; Gal. 2:10; Js. 1:27) and _____ for the oppressed (Ex. 23:6; Lev. 19:15; Psa. 82:3,4; 140:12; Prov. 29:7; 31:9; Isa. 1:17; Jer. 9:24; Mic. 6:8; Zech. 7:9,10; Matt. 23:23; Luke 4:18).

- Live out our faith
- Care for “one another”
- Compassion for the poor
- Justice for the oppressed

D. We believe that with God’s Word, the Spirit’s power, and fervent _____ in Christ’s name (Eph. 6:10-18), we (Heb. 3:13; 10:25), are to combat the spiritual forces of _____ (2 Cor. 10:3-5; Eph. 6:11, 12; 2 Tim. 4:7; 1 Jn. 5:3-4).

- God’s Word, the Spirit’s power, and fervent prayer in Christ’s name
- Combat spiritual forces of evil

E. We believe that, in obedience to Christ’s commission, we are to _____ among all people (Matt. 28:19; Jn. 20:21; Rev. 7:9).

- Obedience to Christ’s commission
- Make disciples among all people

F. We believe that as we make disciples, we are always bearing witness to the _____ (Acts 1:8) in _____ and _____ (Matt. 5:13-16).

- Always bearing witness
- In word and deed