

The Confession Of Faith By The Believer (Extended Version)

Six confessions are to be made by the new disciple to the leaders prior to immersion - based on the instructions they learned (in Milk).

NB They do NOT repeat all the sub-sections to each confession.

1. I believe that God exists and that He is the God of Israel; the God of the Bible.

- I believe that God exists and that He is the Creator and Guide for all created beings. He alone made, makes, and will make all that is created.
- I believe that the Creator is One and there is no one like Him. He alone is our God, who was, who is, and who is to be. (the yoke of the Kingdom of Heaven)
- I believe that the Creator, is not a body, is not affected by physical matter, and nothing whatsoever can compare to Him [or be compared with Him].
- I believe that the Creator, is the first and is the last.
- I believe that to the Creator alone, is it fitting to make prayer and to another prayer shall not be made.
- I believe that the Creator is the God of Israel.

2. I believe that God has a righteous standard - His commandments as found in the Torah which was given to Moses, and that at the final judgement, God will both reward the righteous and punish the wicked.

- I believe that God has a righteous standard - His Torah - His commandments.
- I believe that all the words of the prophets are true and Moses was a prophet.
- I believe that the whole Torah, which includes God's commandments, was given to Moses.
- I believe that the Torah, shall not be changed and it shall not be replaced with another from the Creator.
- I believe the Creator, knows every action done by each human being as well as all their thoughts.
- I believe by complete faith that the Creator, rewards all who keep His commandments and punishes all those who transgress His commands.
- Therefore I believe that He requires us to keep His commandments as they apply accordingly to either Jew or Gentile and their various distinctions.
- I believe that the Torah points to the Messiah.
 - the suffering servant whose death atones for the sins of the wicked and
 - the assurance of the coming Kingdom when Messiah will rule over the Kingdom of God on earth.

3. I believe that Jesus of Nazareth is both the Messiah promised by God, and the Son of God, and that He died on the cross to atone for all those who believe on Him - therefore Jesus' righteous death has atoned for my own personal sinful life - Jesus is my Saviour.

- I believe that God is one but that plurality exists within the Godhead.
- I believe that the Messiah was also with God in Creation.
- I believe that He is the Son of God showing that God is revealed as the Father (referred to normally as God), Son/Word and Spirit ¹.
- I believe that the Messiah is revealed as Jesus of Nazareth.
- I believe that Jesus of Nazareth is the Son of the living God.

¹ The Holy Spirit of God, Who also is the fulness of God, throughout the Scriptures - comforts, teaches, leads, indwells and empowers all whom God regenerates. (Acts 9:31; 1 John 2:27; John 16:13; 1 Corinthians 3:16; 2 Timothy 1:7)

- I believe this because God revealed this to me, by His Spirit to my heart.
- I believe therefore I have been born from above - born again.
- I believe that I am a new creation and a citizen of heaven.
- I believe that Jesus died on the cross - His unjust death creating merit with God to justify me - because I believe.
- I believe that God raised Jesus from the dead as proof of His acceptance of Jesus' death to merit others with His righteousness.
- I believe that because of the merit of Jesus' suffering and death, I have been justified - declared righteous by God and therefore have forgiveness of sins and hope for eternal life.
- I believe therefore that Jesus as the promised Messiah brings my justification - my salvation.

4. I believe that Jesus is coming back at the end of this age, to resurrect the righteous dead and establish His Kingdom for one thousand years and that I will be a part of that resurrection. Following that will come the final judgement and the World to Come.

- I believe that Jesus ascended and sent the Holy Spirit as a guarantee that He will return as the King of the Kingdom in the future.
- I believe in the coming of the Messiah, and even though he tarry, I will still wait expectantly, living my life in daily anticipation of His coming - that He will come Today!
- I believe that when I die I will be absent from my body but present with the Lord in Paradise (Garden of Eden).
- I believe that there will be a resurrection of the dead when Messiah Jesus returns, at the time that will be pleasing to the Creator and that I will be physically resurrected from the dead, incorruptible, with all other disciples of Jesus and will return with Him, with the elect to Jerusalem, to submit to His 1000 year rule and reign in Jerusalem - also called the Messianic Era or The Kingdom.
- I believe that at the end of the 1000 years, there will be a final judgement when the enemies of God will be cast into the Lake of Fire, along with Sheol and Death.
- I believe that after the judgement, the heavens and earth will pass away and that there will be a New Heavens and a New Earth - the World to Come.
- I believe that the remembrance of Him will be exalted forever and for all eternity.
- I understand that I am to abandon all idols and follow the God of Israel through faith in Messiah Jesus.
- I believe that I am required to submit to the Lord and to keep the commands of the Torah that are applicable to me with the help of the Holy Spirit.
- I believe that this is a choice to both flourish spiritually with Him now and in the final redemption when I will be resurrected from the dead into the Kingdom (the Messianic Era) and the World to Come.

5. I desire to be immersed into the name of Jesus the Messiah, declaring both my faith in Jesus and my commitment to 'change my status' and become an obedient follower of Jesus. I choose to abandon all idols and to live according to the narrow path of God's commandments, with the daily expectation of His return.

In being immersed I understand that I am joining the community of the disciples of Jesus both locally and everywhere.

- I believe that by being immersed I am identifying with Jesus' death and resurrection.²
- I believe that I am being immersed in living water to signify my new life in Jesus.

² **Colossians 2:11** In Him you were also circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the sins of the flesh, by the circumcision of Messiah, **12 buried with Him in immersion, in which you also were raised with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead.**

- I believe that by being immersed that I am undergoing a change of status - leaving behind my former state of unbelief and intentionally coming into alignment with God. I accept His righteous standards as revealed by both the Torah and the Messiah therefore taking upon myself the 'yoke' of Messiah, which is easy and light. ³
- I believe that by being immersed I understand that I am committing to walk in the ways of the Kingdom of God.
- I believe that by being immersed, I am joining the 'ekklesia' the community of Jesus' disciples who are walking on the 'narrow path' and am being set apart for His service.

6. I believe that when I am immersed, hands will be laid upon me and that I will receive the immersion in the Holy Spirit - the authority of the Messiah to fulfil His calling to both live for Him and to make disciples of all nations in the expectation of His imminent coming.

³ **Matthew 11:28** Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For My yoke is easy and My burden is light*.