

**THE CONFESSION OF FAITH  
of THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST IN JAPAN  
(Nihon Kirisuto Kyodan)**

We believe and confess that:

The Old and New Testaments, inspired of God, testify to Christ, reveal the truth of the Gospel, and are the sole canon upon which the Church should depend. By the Holy Spirit the Holy Bible is the Word of God which gives us full knowledge of God and salvation, and is the unerring standard of faith and life.

The One God, revealed by the Lord Jesus Christ, and testified to in the Holy Scripture, being Father, Son and Holy Spirit, is the triune God. The Son, who became man, for the salvation of us sinners was crucified and made our redemption by offering Himself to God as the perfect sacrifice for all.

God chooses us by His grace, and by faith in Christ alone He forgives our sins and justifies us. In this unchangeable grace the Holy Spirit accomplishes His work by sanctifying us and causing us to bear fruits of righteousness.

The Church is the Body of Christ the Lord, and is the congregation of those who are called by grace. The church observes public worship, preaches the Gospel aright, administers the sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper, and being diligent in works of love, waits in hope for the coming again of the Lord.

Thus we believe, and with the saints in all ages we confess the Apostles' Creed:

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, dead, and  
buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He  
ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit; the Holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the  
forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

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