



**God's faithful longing for
our growth in Christ**






Our doctrinal stances

- **The Bible** – The Bible is God’s Word to us. Human authors, under the supernatural guidance and inspiration of the Holy Spirit, wrote it. It is the supreme source of truth for Christian beliefs and living. Because God inspires it, it is the truth without error.
- **God** – We believe there is one God who is the creator and ruler of the universe. He eternally exists in three persons: the Father, the Son, & the Holy Spirit.
- **Jesus Christ** – We believe in the deity of Jesus Christ, His virgin birth, His sinless life, and His bodily resurrection from the dead to demonstrate His power over sin and death, His miracles, His ascension into heaven, and His return to earth to reign as King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

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- **The Holy Spirit** – The Holy Spirit is co-equal with the Father and the Son. He is present in the world to make people aware of their need for Jesus Christ. He lives in every Christian from the moment of salvation. He provides the Christian with the power to live a Godly life and understand spiritual truth. He gives every believer a spiritual gift when they are saved.
 - **Human Beings** – People are made in the spiritual image of God, to be like Him in character. People are the supreme object of God's creation. All people were born marred by a state of disobedience toward God called "sin." This state and its resulting behaviors separate people from God. That separation will be eternal in a place called Hell unless all people are born-again by the spirit of God.

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- **Salvation** – Salvation is initiated by God and is a free gift to all who personally accept it. Once we accept Jesus Christ as our personal savior we are assured of spending eternity in heaven with God. We are saved by faith, and not by our own self-improvement or good works.
 - **Church** – We believe there is One Church (bride) that Jesus Christ (bridegroom) is coming back for. The Church is made up of born-again Christians all over the world. The Church is the people and the people are the Church.

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, died and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Amen.

Mosaic Guiding Principle

In Essential Beliefs we have unity,

“Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit... there is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God and Father of us all...” (Eph. 4:3-6)

In non-essential beliefs, we have liberty,

“Accept him whose faith is weak, without passing judgment on disputable matters... Who are you to judge someone else’s servant? To his own master he stands or falls... So then each of us will give an account of himself to God... So whatever you believe about these things keep between yourself and God.” (Romans 14:1,4,12,22)


In all our beliefs we show forth love.

“...If I hold in my mind not only all human knowledge, but also the very secrets of God, and if I have the faith that can move mountains – but have no love, I amount to nothing at all.” (1 Cor. 13:1-2)





A few of our Mosaic distinctives:


- **Distinctive #2:** Believing that God deals with us on the basis of grace, we will be a community which is growing in grace as we relate lovingly to one another.
- **Distinctive #4:** Believing that God has revealed Truth in Holy Scripture, Mosaic Church will seek to comprehend and walk in the Truth under the direction of the Holy Spirit who is our teacher.
- **Distinctive #8:** Trusting in God as our ultimate hope, Mosaic Church will not pedestalize leaders but seek to create a community of servant-leaders who are humble and accessible.




Distinctive#12: Desiring to make the widest variety of people comfortable in our gatherings, Mosaic Church will conduct worship and teaching experiences in environments that are relaxed and less formal.



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- **Is. 55:1** “Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost.
 - **Matt. 11:28-30** “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”
 - **John 6:37** “All those the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never drive away.”



Distinctive#11: Knowing that we are spiritual, emotional, and relational beings, Mosaic Church will encourage holistic growth through counseling, coaching and mentoring which facilitates Biblical healing, transformation, and discipleship.



Adverse Childhood Experiences

ABUSE



Physical



Emotional



Sexual

NEGLECT



Physical



Emotional

HOUSEHOLD DYSFUNCTION



Mental Illness



Incarcerated Relative



Mother treated violently



Substance Abuse



Divorce



Key thoughts from today's teaching

- 1) Our growth as individuals is linked to other domains. Our thought life, emotional life, relational life, spiritual life and past experiences are all linked.
- 2) Seek holistic growth in your life when the Holy Spirit nudges you.
- 3) When you find yourself stuck or that something isn't right, seek help – discipleship, mentoring/coaching and/or counseling. Don't go it alone!



Small Group Questions

What about what you heard today about holistic growth in Christ rings true?

What's one area of your life where you sense the Holy Spirit is encouraging you to grow, to seek wholeness?

What's one step for you to seek that growth?