



MOSAIC: A BEAUTIFUL MESS

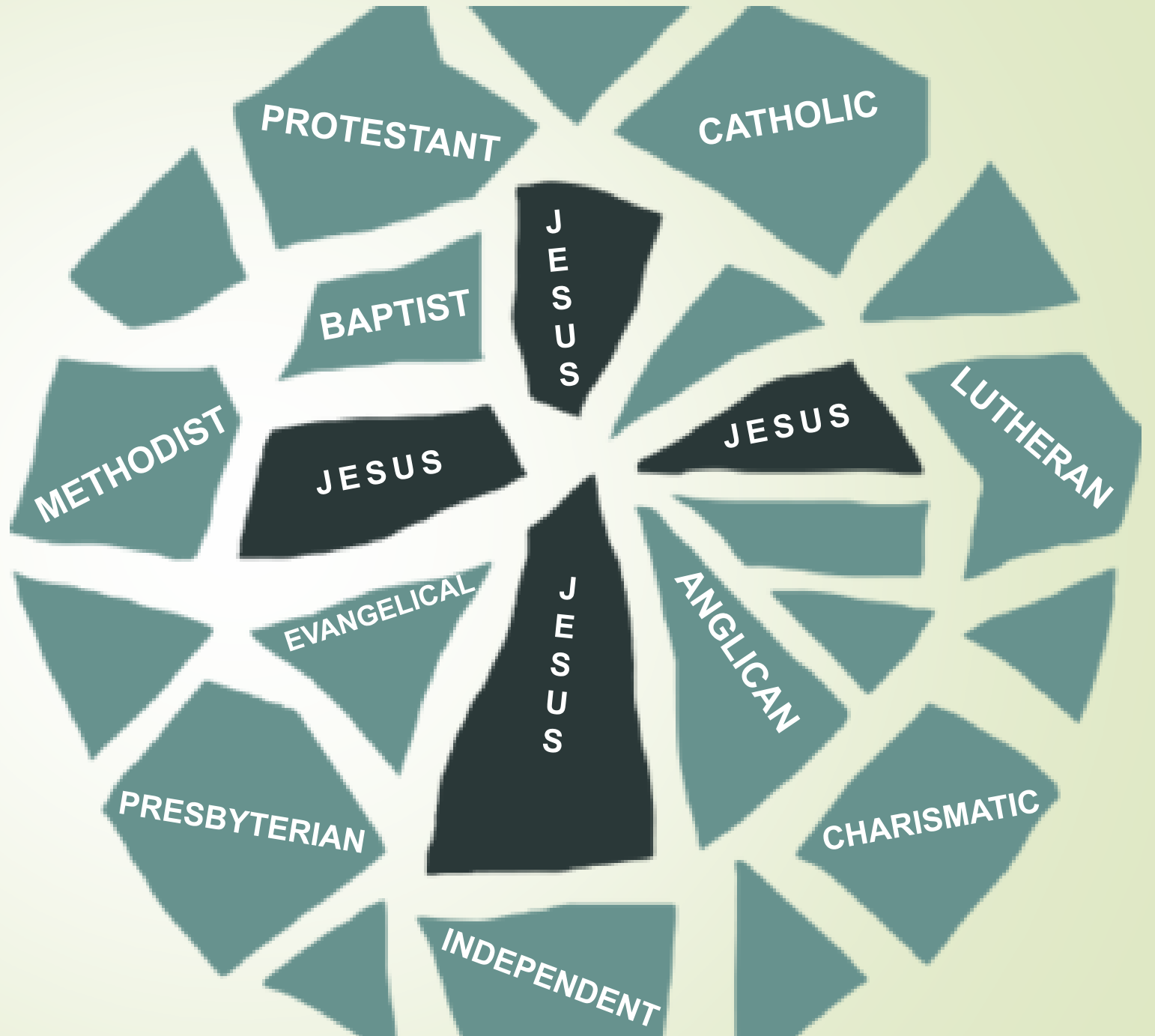
MOSAIC Essential 5 & 6



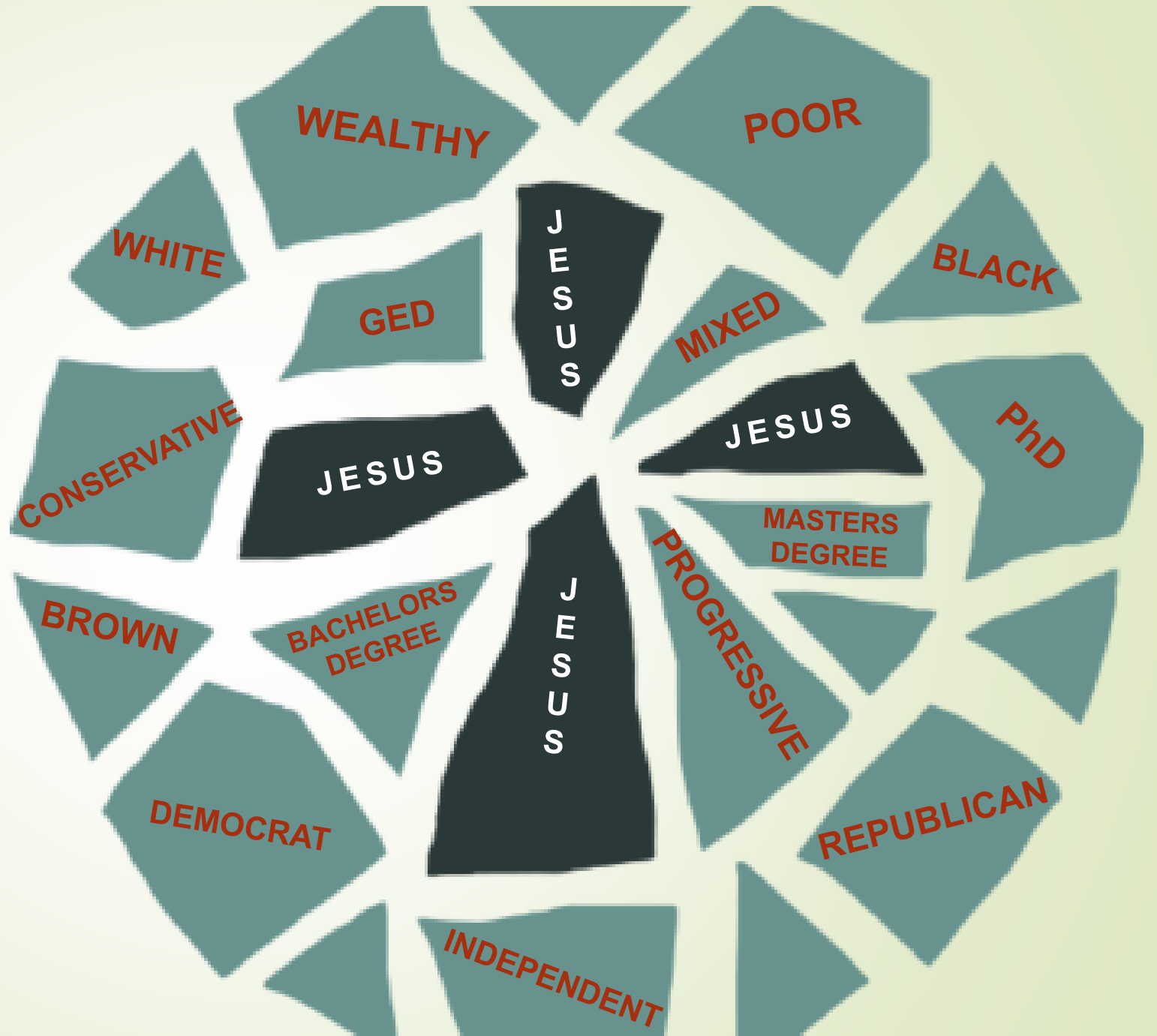
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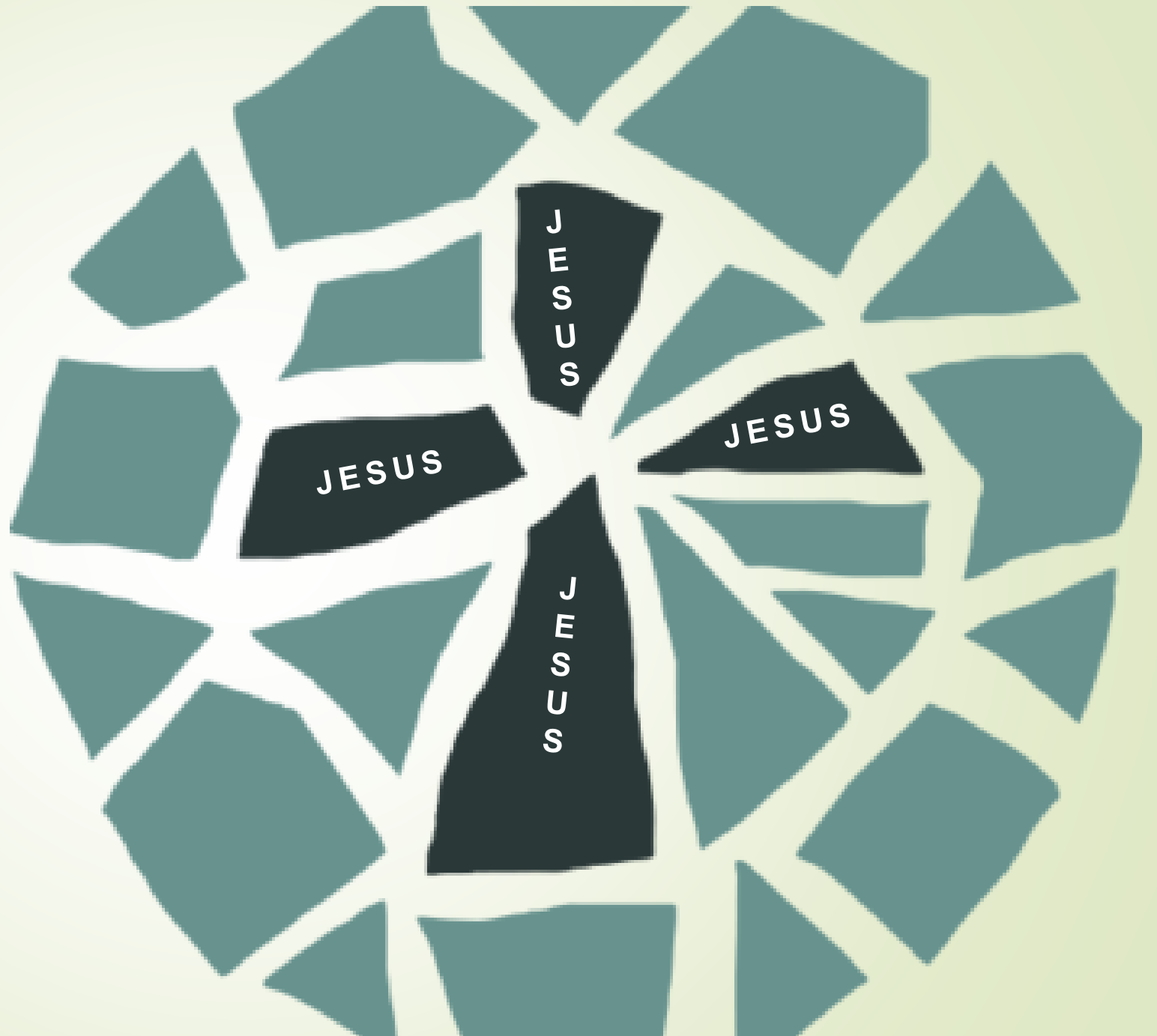
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Philippians 2:1-4

Therefore, if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

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Colossians 3:12-15

Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity. Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful.

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1 Corinthians 15:3-5

For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve.

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The Gospel

God came to live among us in the person of Jesus Christ to pay for our sin so that if we believe we could be saved and receive eternal life.

Doctrinal Statement / *Our Essential Beliefs*

Supporting Scriptures provided upon Request

1. **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.
2. **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.
3. **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.
4. **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.
5. **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.
6. **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.
7. **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.

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In Essentials Unity, In Non-Essentials Liberty,

Colossians 2:17 NLT

“So don’t let anyone condemn you for what you eat or drink, or for not celebrating certain holy days or new moon ceremonies or Sabbaths. For these rules are only shadows of the reality yet to come. And Christ himself is that reality.”

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Galatians 5:1 & 13

For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.

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ESSENTIALS	NON-ESSENTIALS
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Triune God	Views on Creation
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Deity of Christ	Alcohol, Tobacco, Dancing
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Virgin Birth	Charismatic Gifts
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Crucifixion	Views on Eschatology
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Resurrection	Frequency of Communion
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Salvation by Grace thru Faith	Mode of Baptism

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In Essentials Unity, In Non-Essentials Liberty, In All Things Charity

1 Corinthians 13:1-3

“If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing.”

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Colossians 4:6

Let your conversation be gracious and attractive so that you will have the right response for everyone.



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Messy Bible Heroes	
Noah	Got drunk
Abraham	Lied about Sarah
Sarah	Laughed at God
Isaac	Tried to bless Esau
Jacob	Was deceptive
Moses	Murdered an Egyptian
Rehab	Was a harlot
Gideon	Was fearful & greedy
Samson	Was a ladies' man
David	Adultery & Murder
Jonah	Rebelled Against God
Peter	Denied Jesus
Martha	Worried too much
Disciples	Couldn't stay awake
John Mark	Bailed on his mission
Paul	Argued a lot

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Why do we hide or pretend we're okay?

- Pressure to Perform
- Expectations
- Fear of Exposure
- Fear of Rejection
- Pride
- Shame

**God wants us to live authentically –
fragile believers, learning to trust him
and each other in relationships intent on love.**


**He wants us out of hiding,
acknowledging each other
without performance or quotas.**

**He wants us to experience his power
healing us as he releases us into a life worth living.**

This is the Church.

This is the Church in the Room of grace!

John Lynch, Bill Thrall, and Bruce McNicol



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James 5:16

Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results.

WHAT DEFINES ME?

- My successes?
- My failures?
- My predilections?
- My quirks?
- My hang-ups?
- My limitations?
- **What God says about me.**

Discussion Questions



- Why is unity around the essentials so important to the life of the body?
- What are some of the challenges associated with allowing for diversity on non-essentials?
- How could Mosaic Church become a more authentic spiritual community?