

As a Church we decline to accept the theology of any man, or class of men, as necessarily authoritative ; nevertheless, on all material points we are in substantial accord with the doctrines held by the fathers of Congregationalism in England and America holding such views, not because they held them, but because we find them in the Word of God.

Whilst we claim, we also most heartily concede the free exercise of private judgment on all matters that come within the legitimate range of human reason , hence, beyond the doctrines hereinafter stated, each member must be held responsible for his own distinctive opinions without in any way compromising those of his brethren.

We believe in God the Father—the Being of absolute perfection—the Creator, Preserver, and Governor of the Universe, who so loved the world that He gave His only-begotten Son for its redemption;

And in Jesus Christ His Son, our Lord, who was in the beginning with God, and was God, who became man and suffered and died to make atonement for the sins of the whole world—who rose from the dead and ascended on high, and sitteth at the right hand of the Father, whence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead, punishing the wicked with everlasting destruction from His presence, and receiving His people into His everlasting kingdom ;

And in the Holy Spirit—the Comforter—who is Divine, by whom the soul is born again and sanctified, by whose inspiration the Scriptures are given, and who with the Father and the Son, together one God, is supremely to be loved and alone to be adored ;

That there is one true Church of God, holy, Catholic, which comprehends all men, in all climes and ages, who truly believe in Jesus Christ, its only and Supreme Head ;