

George R. Slaton Statement of Faith

The God of my Christian faith is the one and true God who comes to us and seeks covenant with us.

God comes to us in the person and saving work of Jesus Christ, “who loved me and gave himself for me.” In Christ, God walks with us and calls us to be his faithful disciples. The Holy Spirit enables us by grace to come to faith and, through its abiding presence and activity in our living, nurtures us and enables us to follow Christ with deepening faith.

Our human nature and condition render us unable to live faithfully by our own efforts. Through the covenant of grace alone, we are called, justified, adopted as God’s own children, sanctified and saved.

God reveals himself through Holy Scripture. His Holy Spirit inspires and enables our understanding of Scripture and so strengthens our life in Christ.

The Church is the Body of Christ. Through the ministry of Word and Sacrament, we are shepherded and sustained in serving Christ. Through the Church, we have needful fellowship and communion with other Christians and we participate in God’s loving and reconciling work in the world.

I marvel at God’s faithfulness to me throughout my life, as I’ve recognized, usually in retrospect, his guiding hand in my formative years, my education, my teachers and mentors, my choices and struggles. In my ministry as a pastoral counselor, I’ve seen God accomplish what neither I nor my clients could have done on our own. The experiences of living, as person and pastor, continue to affirm and confirm my faith in this God who is “My only trust and Saviour of my heart.”