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Mark Salmon Statement of Faith:

There is a bumper sticker that still appears now and then that states, "God said it. I believe it. That settles it" That is some of the poorest theology I have ever heard. For me, GOD SAID IT. THAT SETTLES IT! I believe in the Triune God who created people in His own image and called humanity to reflect His holiness in obedience. We did not obey and entered into a state of moral corruption and became estranged from our very Creator. God entered into a Covenant of Grace with sinful people and initiated a plan of redemption. This plan is experienced in the very historical incarnation of God in the person of Jesus who was born to Mary. Jesus was the Christ of Hebrew Scriptures. He was fully man and fully God. He provided the very basis of our justification, which by the Grace of God, is received by faith alone. The Holy Spirit has been sent to live in the hearts of believers and empowers them to serve Almighty God in witness, worship, fellowship, and discipleship. The Holy Spirit brings God's people together to form the community of believers known as the Church. Jesus has established the visible church to live in the power of the Holy Spirit under the authority of the Holy Scriptures. The Church is to preach the true Gospel, administer the sacraments properly and maintain discipline. The Table of our Lord is also the only moment in our lives when we experience true equality during our earthly lives. I submit to the authority of the Bible. Only the Bible has the authority to bind the consciences of believers. God alone is infallible. I embrace Reformed theology as it is centered on God and based on God's Word alone. It is committed to the doctrine of FAITH ALONE which was the material cause of the Protestant Reformation. It is devoted to Jesus Christ and embraces the covenants that God has made. My eschatology is this: God wins-Satan loses!