

## Who are we?

If you are expecting to find the name of a particular organisation or group here, you will be disappointed. **As we deliberately want to avoid forming an organisation there is no name or institutional structure that we use to describe ourselves.**

**We are Christians** who want to follow the example of the first Christians and to put what we read in the Bible into practice in our lives. **We do not belong to any denomination or other organisation.** We are together because each of us wants to follow Jesus, our Lord and our God and not because we are obliged to do so by statutes and articles.

**Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and my God!" (John 20:28)**

**We regard the Bible as the sole basis of Christian doctrine.** This is why **we meet every day** to think together about God's word. Doing so, we want to take the Bible seriously as authority for faith and life. However, we want to understand it also in its historical and literary background, using all our mind to understand it better and better. We want to avoid both the fundamentalist and the liberal errors in their views on the Bible.

We accept the faith as we find it expressed in **the creeds** of the first centuries, especially the [Apostles' Creed](#), the [Niceno-Constantinopolitan Creed](#) and the [Athanasian Creed](#).

**For us faith is a reality fulfilling all areas of our life** and does not mean cultivation of traditional customs.

**Our community is small in number** and consists of people with different professions, with formerly different religious and social backgrounds. We simply want to be Christians, brothers and sisters who worship God as our common Father and Jesus as our Lord.

**We reject hierarchical structures** as they are in clear contradiction to God's word and brotherly love. We are convinced that unity, which God wanted to be the reality among Christians, cannot be secured by the controlling human structures of authority but is only the fruit of obedience of every single disciple towards the Holy Scripture. **We are in unity** because each of us puts his own self aside and wants to follow what God revealed in the Bible and made recognisable for everyone.

**At present we know Christians in a few different countries**, but we are looking forward to get to know also our brothers and sisters in other parts of the world. We think it would be a sin against brotherly love if Christians lived beside each other, not bothering much about each other. **In 1 John 3:14-16** the apostle wrote:

**We know that we have passed out of death into life, because we love the brethren. He who does not love abides in death. (...) We know love by this, that He laid down His life for us; and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.**

PS: **In order to avoid confusion** we state clearly that we have nothing in common with the so-called International Church of Christ or any of the splinter groups that formed after its collapse.

Nor are we the followers of any present-day "prophet" or "messiah" like William M. Branham, Joseph Smith, Sun Myung Moon. Jesus brought us the ultimate and direct revelation, of which he is the end.

**No longer do I call you slaves, for the slave does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. (John 15:15)**

**God, after He spoke long ago to the fathers in the prophets in many portions and in many ways, in these last days has spoken to us in His Son, whom He appointed heir**

**of all things, through whom also He made the world. And He is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature, and upholds all things by the word of His power. When He had made purification of sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high... (Hebrews 1:1-3)**

The message of Jesus is complete and cannot be added to by any self-styled "prophets".

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