**Genesis 1:3** “And God said, ‘Let there be light,’ and there was light.”

**The First Article: Creation**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

*What does this mean?* I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them. He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life. He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him.

This is most certainly true.

**Matthew 4:16** “…the people dwelling in darkness have seen a great light, and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death, on them a light has dawned.”

**John 1:1-14** In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. **2** He was in the beginning with God. **3**  All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. **4**  In him was life, and the life was the light of men. **5**  The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. **6** There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. **7** He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. **8**  He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light. **9**  The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. **10** He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. **11** He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. **12** But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, **13** who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. **14** And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

**Matthew 27:50-51** “And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice and yielded up his spirit. **51** And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom...”

**Psalms 119:105** Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

**2 Corinthians 4:6** “For God, who said, ‘Let light shine out of darkness,’ has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.”

**1 Corinthians 1:23** “…but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles…”

**1 Peter 2:9** “But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.”

**Psalms 51:15** “O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.”

**John 3:16-17** “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. **17** For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. “

**John 10:27-28** My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. **28**  I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand.

**John 16:13-14** “When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. **14** He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you.”