

**Main Point:** Spiritual \_\_\_\_\_ holds firmly to what matters most and loosely to preferences – for the sake of the \_\_\_\_\_ and the unity of the \_\_\_\_\_.

**Point #1:** Spiritually \_\_\_\_\_ believers know the \_\_\_\_\_ matters most.

Spiritual maturity is \_\_\_\_\_ about salvation by \_\_\_\_\_ through faith in \_\_\_\_\_.

*God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it.* - Ephesians 2:8-9 (NLT)

*If you openly declare that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.* - Romans 10:9 (NLT)

*Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved.* - Acts 4:12 (NIV)

Belief in JESUS + \_?\_ = SALVATION

Belief in JESUS ALONE = SALVATION

*"You and I are Jews by birth, not 'sinners' like the Gentiles. 16 Yet we know that a person is made right with God by faith in Jesus Christ, not by obeying the law. And we have believed in Christ Jesus, so that we might be made right with God because of our faith in Christ, not because we have obeyed the law. For no one will ever be made right with God by obeying the law."* - Galatians 2:15-16 (NLT)

### **CMA Statement of Faith**

- 1) Salvation has been provided through Jesus Christ for \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. (1 John 2:2)

2) Those who \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ in Him are justified by \_\_\_\_\_ through \_\_\_\_\_,  
(Romans 3:21-24)

3) Born of the \_\_\_\_\_ (Titus 3:4-7),

4) \_\_\_\_\_ from the dominion of darkness, \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ into the Kingdom of God's Son (Colossians 1:13),

5) Granted the \_\_\_\_\_ of eternal life, and \_\_\_\_\_  
as the children of God (Romans 8:14-16; John 1:12).

*For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.*

~ Romans 1:16 (ESV)

**Point # 2:** Spiritually \_\_\_\_\_ believers know \_\_\_\_\_ matters deeply.

Spiritually mature believers don't avoid \_\_\_\_\_ but pursue peace by \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to the Word of God.

The right kind of compromise finds all the usable surface, like in the middle of the road. The extremes on the right and left fall in the gutters.

- Dwight D. Eisenhower

**Point #3:** Spiritually \_\_\_\_\_ believers know people in God's family \_\_\_\_\_ personally.

*Not that we are sufficient in ourselves to claim anything as coming from us, but our sufficiency is from God.* - 2 Corinthians 3:5 (ESV)

*I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one, just as you Father are in Me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me.*

- John 17:20-21 (ESV)