



OUR ELDER DNA

Our Elder Distinctive indicates the primary role and responsibilities of Elders within this local church.

1. We believe the Elders are to protect the integrity of the Gospel internally by ensuring every message, ministry, study, etc. bears the marks of our DNA (Acts 6:1-7; 20:28-32; Eph. 4:11-16).
2. We believe the Elders are to promote the Gospel externally by establishing other local churches that duplicate our DNA (Acts 13:1-4).



OUR MISSIONS DNA

Our Missions Distinctive indicates that the Corporate Mission of the Local Church is to raise up internally those who can pastor existing churches or plant new churches.

1. We believe the Local Church is God's means of covering the earth with a knowledge of His glory as the waters cover the sea (Isa. 11:9; Hab. 2:14). The Story tells the reader, "The Nations He rules over (Ps. 22:28), His Church is to make disciples of (Matt. 28:18-20)." It is through this mission His vision comes to fruition.
2. We believe it is the role of the local church to identify those on whom the call of God rests, to assist in the equipping process (2 Tim. 2:2), and to send them as approved workers (Acts 13:1-3).
3. We believe Church Planters are sent primarily through the local church community and supported by local churches (Acts 13:1ff).



OUR HORIZONTAL DNA

Our Horizontal Distinctive indicates how thoroughly the gospel transforms lives.

1. We believe the JESUS SEED always and inevitably produces GOSPEL FRUIT (Eph. 2:1-10).
2. We believe the greatest commandment and summation of the entire Law is to love God and as a result, to love one's neighbor (Matt. 22:37-39).
3. We believe the NT teaches the inseparable relationship between one's justification and one's sanctification, thus, faith and works must always go together and must always sequentially follow that order. Faith is causal and work is consequential. Faith alone saves; but saving faith is never alone (Phil. 1:6; James 1:19-27; 2:14-26).
4. We believe although sanctification/fruit is inevitable, it is not measurable (Matt. 7:15-28). Thus, the NT imperative is descriptive of the Christian and not prescriptive for the Christian.



OUR HISTORICAL DNA

Our Historical Distinctive indicates the interconnectedness we have as a singular local church with the historical and global church through her Confessions and Creeds.

- Therefore, we value the study of all historical Creeds and Confessions as a means of knowing and experiencing the symbiotic relationship all past, present, and future churches have that are "in Christ."



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*The centrality of the gospel
and the application of the same in
our handling of Scripture and
shepherding people.*

✝ OUR GOSPEL DNA

Our Gospel DNA indicates how we understand our relationship to God through Jesus Christ and how we live *from* that privileged position, not *for* it.

The gospel is so complete and pervasive that it impacts every aspect of life – our relationship with God (the vertical) and our relationships with others (the horizontal). The once for all sacrifice of Jesus has thoroughly secured for us a position in the family of God. This gospel forms our identity and continues to shape our lives. As a consequence of the glorious work of Jesus, we learn to enjoy the riches of God's grace in the context of this relationship in the following ways:

1. **Because of our position in Christ**, our relationship with God is not based on our performance. Therefore, nothing anyone does can earn or forfeit God's blessing or favor. Knowing this, we continue to look to the work of Jesus on our behalf and learn to enjoy the blessings He has secured for us.
2. **Because of our position in Christ**, our Father never deals with a believer's sin in a punitive way. He is never angry or frustrated with us. All His wrath against our sin was forever satisfied at the cross. Therefore, even though our sin affects our human relationships, it has no effect on our relationship with God.
3. **Because of our position in Christ**, we are right with God and have fellowship with Him. Nothing we do can separate us from this reality. Therefore, as believers, our confession is not continuing to ask for forgiveness or attempting to be absolved from fresh sins. What He has done through grace, the believer cannot undo by works.
4. **Because of our position in Christ**, our personal pursuit is Jesus only. The traditional idea of Christian "disciplines" as means to "spiritual growth" must be replaced with the reality that any discipline or obedience is a consequence of the gospel and given to us by grace – for our joy.

Christians never earn blessings - obedience is the enjoyment of blessings purchased by Jesus.

God never punishes Christians - ever.

Christians never lose fellowship with God (or need to confess sins in order to restore it).

Christians are always growing in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus, thus moving from grace to grace.

The above bullet points are not the result of random verses taken out of context, but rather deducted from a thorough investigation of the biblical text in context. While you are always encouraged to read the entire letter or book in one sitting, the following are selected portions that provide clarity for our Gospel DNA: Romans 3:9-8:39; Galatians 2:15-4:7; Ephesians 1:3-2:10; Colossians 2:1-15; Hebrews 7:11-10:18; First John.

📖 OUR HERMENEUTICAL DNA

Our Hermeneutical Distinctive indicates how we understand, teach, and apply the Scriptures.

1. The Bible tells a single *Story* and JESUS is at the center of it (Luke 24:25-27, 44-47).
2. The Bible is not about the reader, but about God (Gen. 1:1).
 - Therefore, it is Theo-centric and not anthro-centric.
3. The hermeneutical principles employed by those who teach at WBC will follow the guidelines provided by the SIMEON TRUST*.
 - Therefore, all passages of Scripture will be examined and understood within their literary, historical, and theological context.
 - Therefore, all application of a text will be bound by the context from which it came.

🏠 OUR ECCLESIASTICAL DNA

Our Ecclesiastical Distinctive indicates our basic understanding of the local church.

1. We believe local church participation is part of gospel consequence (Acts 2:42-47).
2. We believe the Christian life is lived in and through the local church, thus, Christians are to identify with a local church that is self-governing, self-supporting, and self-propagating (Eph. 2:11-22; 1 Tim. 3:14-16).

* <https://simeontrust.org/courses/first-principles/>