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8. ~~In the apostolic writings it is clearly demonstrated that~~ ^{shown}

✓ The saving work of God is proclaimed ^{through} ~~by~~ the word of God. In the fulness of time this salvation was realised by the person of Jesus, the Word of God incarnate. ~~By his teaching~~ Jesus prepared his followers to receive in faith the fruit of his death and resurrection and to become the heralds of salvation. In the Acts of the Apostles it is clear that the community is constituted by a baptism ~~that is~~ inseparable from faith and conversion and that its mission is to preach the gospel of God. This remains the pattern for the Christian Church. The koinonia is grounded in the word of God, believed and obeyed. The Church is the ~~reconciled~~ community, ^{of those reconciled with God and with each other} because it is the community of those ^{which} who believe in Jesus Christ and are justified through God's grace. It is also the reconciling community, because it has been called to bring to all mankind through the preaching of the gospel God's gracious offer of justification.

9. Christ's will and prayer are that his disciples should be one.

Those who have received the same word of God and have been baptised in the same Spirit, cannot without disobedience acquiesce in a state of separation. Unity is not only ^{of} the essence of the Church; ~~but~~ it must also be visible. ^{full communion} Such unity between our two communions cannot be restored without mutual recognition of ordained ministers and sacraments, together with the common acceptance of a universal primacy at the service of ~~the~~ ~~conciliarity of the~~ Churches, united in conciliar fellowship.