

# Articles of Faith

## 1 The Scriptures

We believe that the Holy Bible as originally written was verbally inspired and the product of men controlled by the Holy Spirit; and therefore has truth without any admixture of error for its matter. It is and shall remain to the end of the age, the only complete and final revelation of the Will of God to man. We believe the Bible to be the true center of Christian union and the supreme standard by which all human conduct, creeds, and opinions should be tried.

The Holy Bible is that collection of sixty-six books from Genesis through Revelation, which, as originally written, does not only contain and convey the Word of God, but is the very Word of God. Inspiration means that the books of the Bible were written by holy men of old, as they were moved by the Holy Spirit in such a definite way that their writings were supernaturally inspired and free from error, as no other writings have ever been or ever will be inspired.

II Timothy 3:16, 17; II Peter 1:19-21; Isaiah 8:20; Psalm 119:160; Revelation 22:18,19

## 2 The True God

We believe that there is one, and only one, living and true God; an infinite, intelligent Spirit; the Maker and Supreme Ruler of heaven and earth; inexpressibly glorious in holiness, and worthy of all possible honor, confidence and love; that in the unity of the Godhead, there are three persons (often spoken of as the Trinity) revealed to us as the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, one in substance, equal in every divine perfection, and executing distinct but harmonious offices in the great work of redemption.

Exodus 20:2,3; Psalm 90:2; John 4:24; Jeremiah 10:10; Matthew 28:19; John 14:16; I Corinthians 12:4-6; Matthew 3:16-17; I John 5:7; II Corinthians 8:6; John 10:30.

## 3 The Lord Jesus Christ

We believe in the absolute Deity of the Son, the Lord Jesus Christ; that He was divine as no other man can be, being very God of very God, existing from all eternity, co-equal with the Father and the Spirit; that He never ceased to be God for one instant and that His humiliation did not consist in laying aside His deity; that as a man He was miraculously begotten of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. We believe He died a death of vicarious atonement for our sins; not dying a martyr's death but as a voluntary substitute in the sinner's place. He rose again from the dead on the third day and ascended bodily into heaven. He is coming again to this world to establish His kingdom and to set up the Throne of David. His coming will be personal, is imminent and pre-millennial.

John 1:1; I Peter 3:18; I Timothy 3:16; John 20:28; I Timothy 2:5; Matthew 1:20; Isaiah 7:14; Colossians 1:16-18; I John 5:20; Hebrews 1:8; Luke 1:26-38; Philippians 2:6-10.

## 4 The Holy Spirit

We believe that the Holy Spirit is a divine person, equal with God the Father, and God the Son and of the same nature; that He was active in creation; that in His relation to the unbelieving world He restrains the evil one until God's purpose is fulfilled; that He convicts of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment; that He bears witness to the truth of the Gospel in preaching and testimony; that He is the agent of the new birth; that He seals, indwells, indues, guides, teaches, witnesses, sacrifices, and helps the believer.

John 14:16,17,26; I Corinthians 6:19, 12:13; Romans 8:26,27; John 15:26,27; I Corinthians 2:12,14; Ephesians 4:30; John 16:7-14; Titus 3:5; John 3:3-6.

## 5 The Satan or The Devil

We believe that Satan was once Holy and enjoyed heavenly honors; but through pride and ambition to be as the Almighty, fell and drew after him a host of angels; that he is now the malignant prince of

the air, and the unholy god of this world. We hold him to be man's great tempter, the enemy of God and His Christ, the accuser of the saints, the author of all false religions, the chief power back of the present apostasy, the lord of the anti-Christ, the author of all powers of darkness, destined, however, to final defeat at the hands of God's Son; and to the judgment of an eternal justice in Hell, a place prepared for him and his angels.

Isaiah 14:12-15; Ephesians 2:2; Matthew 4:1-3; I Peter 5:8; Revelation 20:10; Ezekiel 28:13-17; II Corinthians 4:4; Revelation 12:9.

## **6 The Creation**

We accept the Genesis account of creation and believe that man came by the direct creation of God.

Genesis 1:26-27; Genesis 2:7; Genesis 1:2; Colossians 1:16, 17; Hebrews 11:3.

## **7 The Virgin Birth**

We believe that Jesus Christ was begotten of the Holy Spirit in a miraculous manner, as no other man ever was born or can be born of woman, and that He is both Son of God, and God the Son.

Matthew 1:18-25; John 1:14; Isaiah 9:6; Luke 1:35; Isaiah 7:14; Genesis 3:15; Galatians 4:4.

## **8 The Fall of Man**

We believe that man, in the person of the First Adam, was created in innocence under the law of his maker, but by voluntary transgression fell from his sinless and happy state, resulting in death, physical and spiritual, in consequence of which, all men are now sinners not only by constraint but of choice; and therefore under just condemnation without defense or excuse.

Genesis 3; Romans 5:12, 19; Galatians 3:22; Jeremiah 17:9; Ephesians 2:1-3.

## **9 The Atonement of Sin**

We believe in salvation by Divine sacrifice; that the sinless Son of God shed His blood and gave "his life a ransom for many and bore our sins in His own body on the tree."

I Peter 2:24.

## **10 The New Birth**

We believe that, in order to be saved, sinners must be regenerated or born again; that regeneration consists of a complete change of mind and heart; that it is accomplished in a manner above our understanding, by the power of the Holy Spirit in voluntary obedience to the Gospel; and its evidence appears in the holy fruits of repentance, faith, and newness of life.

John 3:3,6,7; Galatians 5:16-23; II Corinthians 5:17; I John 5:4,18; Ephesians 5:9; Romans 10:10.

## **11 Justification**

We believe that the blessing which Christ secures to such as believe in Him is justification; the justification includes the pardon of sins, the promise of eternal life on the principles of His righteousness; that is bestowed, not in consideration of any works of righteousness which we have done, but solely through faith in the Redeemer's shed blood; by virtue of which faith His perfect righteousness is freely imputed to us of God.

Romans 5:1,9,17; Acts 13:38; Titus 3:5,7; I Corinthians 1:30,31.

## **12 The Local Church**

A local New Testament church is a body of believers immersed upon a credible confession of faith in Jesus Christ, having two officers, pastors and deacons; sovereign in policy; and banded together for work, worship, the observance of the ordinances and the world wide proclamation of the Gospel.

### **13 Baptism and The Lord's Supper**

We believe that believer's baptism is the immersion in water of a believer; in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. It shows forth our faith in the crucified, buried, and the risen Savior, and signifies our death to sin and resurrection to a new life; that it is prerequisite to church membership.

We believe that the Lord's Supper is a memorial, given to the local church for the edification of believers by the use of the bread and the cup commemorating the death of Christ on behalf of sinners. The observance of this ordinance is to be preceded by solemn self-examination.

Acts 2:31,42;8:36-39;10:47,48; Colossians 2:12; Romans 6:3; I Corinthians 11:26.

### **14 The Security of The Saints**

We believe that eternal security is the believer's inheritance; through the work of Christ in redemption; in possession of a salvation in which he is and shall be eternally kept. This inheritance rests on the Scripture alone; God's promise to him who believes in Jesus as Savior.

John 5:24; Romans 8:29-34; John 10:27-29; Jude 1.

### **15 The Righteous & The Wicked**

We believe in the Heaven of eternal bliss for the righteous, and in the conscious and eternal punishment of the wicked in the Lake of Fire.

Revelation 20:1-3,10.

### **16 Civil Government**

We believe that Civil Government is of Divine appointment for the interests and good order of human society; that magistrates are to be prayed for, conscientiously honored and obeyed; except in things opposed to the Will of our Lord Jesus Christ as revealed through the Scriptures, who is the only Lord of conscience, and the Prince of Kings.

Matthew 22:21; 23:10; II Samuel 23:3; Romans 13:7; Acts 5:29; Titus 3:1; Acts 4:19,20; Philippians 2:10,11; Exodus 18:21,22; I Peter 2:13,14,17; Daniel 3:17,18; Matthew 10:28; Psalm 72:11; Acts 23:5.

### **17 The Resurrection**

We believe in and accept the sacred Scripture upon these subjects at their face and full value. Of the resurrection, we believe that Christ rose bodily "the third day according to the Scriptures;" that He ascended "to the right hand of the Throne of God;" "that this same Jesus which was taken up from you into Heaven shall so come in like manner as ye have seen Him go into Heaven," bodily, personally, and visibly; that the "dead in Christ shall rise first;" that the living saints "shall be changed in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump" "that the Lord shall give unto him the throne of His Father David;" and that "Christ shall reign a thousand years in righteousness until He hath put all enemies under His feet."

We further believe that the rapture of the church will be pre-tribulational as well as pre-millennial.

Matthew 24:42; 25:13; 28:6,7; Mark 16:6,19; I Timothy 2:5; John 14:3; 20:27; James 5:8; Philippians 3:20,21; Isaiah 32:1; Luke 1:32; 24:2,4-6,39,51; Revelation 3:21; 20:1,4-6; I John 2:1; I Thessalonians 4:13-18; Isaiah 9:6,7; 11:4,5; Hebrews 5:9,10; 12:2; I Corinthians 15:4, 42-53; Acts 2:29,30.

### **18 The Second Coming**

We believe in the personal, visible, pre-millennial return of the Lord Jesus Christ to this earth; that He is coming as the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords and that He will reign on this earth for 1000 years; that this advent of the Lord Jesus Christ will be preceded by His coming in the air to

receive unto Himself - this church - all those who are members of His body; and that His coming for His saints will precede the great tribulation and that this appearance for His saints will include all whether alive or dead - who shall be caught up to meet the Lord in the air and be forever with the Lord.

I Thessalonians 4:13-18; II Timothy 4:8; Revelation 20:5,6;  
II Thessalonians 5:9,10; Titus 2:13.

### **19 The Two Natures**

We believe that every saved person possesses two natures for their entire mortal life, with the provision made for victory of the new nature over the old nature through the power of the indwelling Holy Spirit.

Romans 6:13; Colossians 3:10; Romans 8:12,13; Galatians 5:16-25; Ephesians 4:22-24.

### **20 Separation**

We believe that all saved should live in such a manner as not to bring reproach upon their Savior and Lord; and, that separation from all religious Apostasy, all worldly and sinful pleasures, practices and associations is commanded by God.

Romans 12:1,2; II Corinthians 6:14; 7:1; I John 2:15-17; II John 9-11.

### **21. Marriage**

We believe in the Biblical, “traditional” definition of marriage, namely, the joining together of a man and a woman (Gen. 2:24, Matt. 19:4-6), and that any attempt to redefine marriage, including a “civil union”, is not recognized by God, is not in keeping with the Word of God, and therefore will not be recognized by this local church.