

ARTICLES OF FAITH

God

There is one God, the Maker, Preserver, and Ruler of all things, having in and of himself all perfection, and being infinite in them all; and to Him all creatures owe the highest love, reverence and obedience.

The Trinity

God is revealed to us as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, each with distinct personal attributes, without division of nature, essence or being.

The Scriptures

The Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments were given by inspiration of God and are the only sufficient, certain and authoritative rule of all saving knowledge, faith and obedience.

Providence

God from eternity decrees or permits all things that come to pass, and perpetually upholds, directs and governs all creatures and all events; yet not in any way to be the author or approver of sin nor to destroy the free will and responsibility of intelligent creatures.

Election

Election is God's eternal choice of those called according to his purpose unto everlasting life—not because of foreseen merit in them, but of His mercy in Christ. For those He calls, He also justifies and glorifies. God's election is based upon His foreknowledge of man's free response to His grace.

Fall of Man

God created man in His own image, free from sin. Satan tempted man and caused him to fall from God's grace. All descendants, then, inherit a corrupt nature, wholly opposed to God and His law. They become sinners as soon as they are capable of moral action.

The Mediator

Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, is the divinely appointed mediator between God and man. Having taken upon Himself human nature, yet without sin, He perfectly fulfilled the law, suffered and died upon the cross for the salvation of sinners. He was buried and rose again the third day, and ascended to His Father at whose right hand He forever lives to make intercession for His people. Christ is coming to earth again to claim His bride, the Church, and to execute judgment upon the earth.

Regeneration

Regeneration is a change of heart, accomplished by the Holy Spirit, who quickens the dead in trespasses and sins, enlightening their minds spiritually and saving to understand the Word of God, and renewing their whole nature, so that they love and practice holiness.

It is a work of God's free and special grace alone.

Repentance

Repentance is a conscious turning from sin in response to God's grace and is a profound changing of the direction of one's life.

Faith

Saving faith is the belief, on God's authority, of whatever is revealed by His word concerning Christ, accepting His free gift of grace and depending on Him alone for salvation.

Justification

Justification is God's gracious and complete forgiveness of sinners who believe in Christ. It is accomplished through the death of Christ on the cross releasing them from the punishment of their sins.

Sanctification

Sanctification refers to those who have been set apart from the world for holy usage by God's Word and Spirit dwelling in them. We are sanctified when we are saved; it is perfected in us as we grow spiritually and completed when we see Christ.

Perseverance of the Saints

Those whom God has accepted and sanctified by His Spirit, will never totally nor finally fall away from the state of grace but shall certainly persevere to the end.

The Church

The Lord Jesus is the Head of the Church, which is composed of all His true disciples, and in Him is invested supremely all power for its government. According to His commandment, Christians are to associate themselves into particular societies or churches; and to each of these churches He has given authority for administering order, discipline, and worship.

Baptism

Baptism is an ordinance of the Church, instituted and committed to it by the Lord Jesus. Every believer is obligated to be immersed in water in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Baptism is a sign of one's fellowship with the death and resurrection of Christ, of remission of sins, and of giving oneself up to God, to live and walk in newness of life. It is prerequisite to church membership.

The Lord's Supper

The Lord's Supper is an ordinance of the Church, instituted and committed to by the Lord Jesus, to be administered with the elements of bread and the cup, and to be observed by His churches until the end of the world. It is designed to commemorate His death, to confirm our faith, and renew the Christians' communion with Him.

The Lord's Day

The Lord's Day is a Christian institution for the regular observance of worship and spiritual devotion—both public and private—on Sundays.

Freedom of Conscience

God alone is Lord of the conscience, and He has freed it from the doctrines and commandments of government which are contrary to His Word.

The Resurrection

After death, one's body returns to dust, but one's spirit enters eternity; the unsaved go to hell and the saved into the presence of Christ. Then, at God's appointed time, the bodies of the dead will be raised, the righteous unto the resurrection of life and the unrighteous unto the resurrection of damnation.

The Judgment

God has appointed a day when He will judge the world. Those whose names are not found in the Lamb's Book of Life will be condemned to everlasting punishment, and the righteous will be forever with the Lord in heaven.

Church Doctrine

Our ministry as a church and its purpose are governed by the Holy Scriptures, commonly known as The Holy Bible. Government ordinances that are contrary to our Biblical beliefs are not acceptable within our church. In this regard, we exercise our religious rights granted under the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America. Any sexual relationships outside the bounds and bonds of biblical marriage, one biological man and one biological woman, is considered contrary to the teaching of Scriptures, and therefore, in no way condoned by this church.

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