

Articles of Faith

(WHAT WE BELIEVE)

ARTICLE I

WE BELIEVE in only one true and living God and the trinity of persons in the God-head, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, and yet there are not three, but one God.

Reference: Deuteronomy 6:4; Matthew 3:16, 17; 28:19; John 1:1, 14, 16; II Corinthians 13:14; I Peter 1:2, I John 5:7.

ARTICLE II

WE BELIEVE the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the Word of God, and the only rule of faith and practice.

Reference: Isaiah 8:20; II Peter 1:21; II Timothy 3:16-17; Romans 1:19-21.

ARTICLE III

WE BELIEVE in the doctrine of eternal and particular election of a definite number of the human race and chosen in Christ before the foundation of the world, that they should be holy and without blame before Him in love.

Reference: John 6:7; 13:18-19; Acts 13:48; Romans 11:5; I Thessalonians 5:9; II Timothy 1:9; I Corinthians 7:9; Ephesians 1:1-4; Revelation 20:15.

ARTICLE IV

WE BELIEVE in a covenant redemption between God the Father, and God the Son.

Reference: Genesis 3:15; Psalm 51:5; Romans 5:12; I Corinthians 15:22

ARTICLE V

WE BELIEVE in the fall of man and the communication of Adam's sinful nature to his posterity by ordinary generation and their impotency to recover themselves from the fallen state they are in by nature by their own free will and ability.

Reference: Jeremiah 13:23; John 6:44; Ephesians 2:8; Romans 3:23; I Thessalonians 1:10.

ARTICLE VI

WE BELIEVE that all chosen in Christ shall hear the voice of the Son of God, and be effectually called, regenerated and born again.

Reference: Psalms 37:28; John 10:28; Acts 2:39; Colossians 3:3; Jude 1; II Timothy 1:8, 9; Romans 8:29,30.

ARTICLE VII

WE BELIEVE that those born again are justified in the sight of God alone by the righteousness of Jesus Christ imputed to them by faith.

Reference: Jeremiah 33:6; II Corinthians 5:21.

ARTICLE VIII

WE BELIEVE that faith is the gift of God, and good works the fruit of faith, and justify us in the sight of men and angels as evidence of our gracious state.

Reference: Acts 13:37; Romans 3:20-24; 5:1; 8:1; James 2:18, 19, 22; Hebrews 13:20, 21; I John 2:3, 5.

ARTIVCLE IX

WE BELIEVE that all the Saints of God justified by the righteousness of Christ shall preserve in grace, and none of them finally fall away so as to be lost:

Reference: Deuteronomy 32:6; Psalm 12:5; John 10:27-29; Romans 3:24-25; I Peter 1:5; Philippians 1:6; II Timothy 2:19; I John 2:19.

ARTICLE X

WE BELIEVE in the general judgment, both of the just ant the unjust, and that joys of the righteous shall be eternal and the punishment of the wicked shall be everlasting.

Reference: Ecclesiastes 12:14; Psalm 16:9; Isaiah 26:19; John 5:28, and Revelation 20:12.

ARTICLE XI

- **WE BELIEVE** that the visible Church of Christ is a congregation of Baptized Believers in Christ adhering to a special covenant, which recognizes Christ as their only lawgiver and ruler, and His word their exclusive guide in all religious matters. It is complete in itself and independent under Christ of every other church organization. It is alone a religious assembly, selected and called out of the world by the doctrine of the Gospel to worship the true God according to His Word.

Reference: Acts 2:41, 42; I Corinthians 1:13; Ephesians 4:7; 5:23, 27, 32; Colossians 1:18; Revelation 2:7.

ARTICLE XII

- **WE BELIEVE** that the scriptural officers of the church are Pastor and Deacon, whose, qualifications and duties are defined in the Epistles of 1st Timothy 3rd chapter and Titus 1st chapter.

Reference: Philippians 1:1; Acts 20:17; Hebrews 13:17.

ARTICLE XIII

WE BELIEVE that Baptism is the immersion of a believer in water by a proper administrator in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Reference: Matthew 28:19; Mark 16:12-16; Acts 8:36, 39; Romans 6:3,4; Colossians 2:12.

ARTICLE XIV

WE BELIEVE that no Minister has a right to administer the ordinances of the gospel only such as have been regularly baptized, called and come under the imposition of a Presbytery by the majority of the Church of Christ.

Reference: Matthew 28:18; Ephesians 4:11-14; Acts 9:15; 13:1,2; Titus; Acts 14:23

ARTICLE XV

WE BELIEVE that none but regularly baptized and orderly Church Members have a right to communion at the Lord's table.

Reference: Matthew 26; Mark 14; Luke 22; I Corinthians 14:24, 25, 26.

ARTICLE XVI

WE BELIEVE in washing the Saints' Feet in a Church capacity immediately after the Lord's Supper.

Reference: John 13.