

# Articles of Faith

1. **Bible** – We believe the Bible is the inspired, authoritative and infallible Word of God. It is our standard for faith and practice.
2. **God** – We believe in one God revealed as Father, Son and Holy Spirit. He created us in His own image; redeemed us with the shed blood of His son, Jesus Christ; and is the sovereign ruler of our lives by His indwelling Holy Spirit.
3. **Jesus** – We believe that Jesus is the divine Son of God, virgin born and conceived of the Holy Spirit. His death on the cross and His shed blood paid the price for the sins of humanity. We believe that Jesus was physically resurrected from the dead. Jesus is now at the right hand of the Father making intercession for the believers, and He will return to earth in power and glory.
4. **Holy Spirit** – We believe that the Holy Spirit convicts the world of sin and leads the believer into righteousness. He indwells the believer at conversion and will also fill/baptize the believer. We believe the manifestation of the baptism of the Holy Spirit includes a power-filled anointing for ministry both personal and corporate. Holy Spirit convicts, comforts, and teaches all believers, giving spiritual gifts to them as recorded in I Cor. 12.
5. **Sin and Salvation** – We believe that sin entered man through the fall of man in the Garden of Eden; thus man is born into sin and cannot save himself; he needs a savior. Repentance from sin and regeneration (new birth) through faith in Jesus Christ is absolutely essential for his salvation. This salvation is ‘by grace through faith and not of works...’ Eph.2. The scriptural evidence of repentance and regeneration is a changed life, public confession of Jesus as Lord, and baptism in water.
6. **The Church** – We believe that the Church is the Body of Christ on the earth, both universal and local. All believers make up the universal body. The local body is made up of believers in a specific area who have come together in order to fulfill Jesus’ commands and commission in a unified effort
7. **Ordinances** – We believe that the ordinances of the New Testament are:
  1. **Water Baptism** – This illustrates the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus, and the beginning of a new walk for the believer. Baptism is in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
  2. **Lord’s Supper** – The bread and wine taken are to show forth the broken body and the shed blood of Jesus till He returns.
8. **Christian Commitment** – We believe that Christian commitment is first to God and then to each other. It means learning to love others as Christ Jesus loves them. All people are to be treated with love and respect. We are to forgive one another as Christ forgives us and to serve one another as Christ serves us.

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9. **Value of Life** – We believe that all human life is sacred and created by God in His image. Human life is of inestimable worth in all its dimensions, including pre- born babies, the aged, the physically or mentally challenged, and every other stage or condition from conception through natural death.
10. **Marriage** – We believe “marriage” has only one meaning; the uniting of one biological man and one biological woman in a single, exclusive union, as delineated in Scripture.
11. **Biblical Morality** – God loves all people. He sent His son to die for us so that we can have relationship with Him and become new creations. A changed life is the result. We believe that the Bible is the standard of behavior for Christians in all areas of life, including financial, inter-personal, emotional, spiritual and sexual. The Bible forbids sexual activity outside of marriage. It teaches us to be people of integrity: trustworthy, honest, reliable and honoring of others.

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