

- **We believe there is only one true, living, and eternal God (1) and that the Godhead is revealed as Father (A), Son (B), and Holy Spirit (C)**

Scripture to support this:

- A) Genesis 1:1; Matthew 6:9; Ephesians 4:6
- B) Isaiah 9:6; Matthew 16:16; John 1:1, 3:14-16, 14:28; 1Corinthians 15:28; Hebrews 1:8
- C) John 14:16-26; Acts 1:5-8, 2:1-4; Romans 8:16.

- **We believe that the Holy Scriptures are the Old and New Testaments and are the inspired (1), infallible (2) Word of God. The Bible is the only reliable guide (3) of Christian faith and conduct.**

Scripture to support this:

- 1) Luke 24:44-46; Romans 16:25-26; 2Timothy 3:15-17; Hebrews 1:1-2; 2Peter 1:20-21.
- 2) Isaiah 40:8; Luke 21:33; John 17:17; Titus 1:2; 1 Peter 1:25.
- 3) Deuteronomy 6:6-9; Psalm 19:7-10, 119:105, 140; John 5:39; Acts 17:11-12; Romans 10:14-15, 15:4; 2Timothy 3:16-17.

- We believe that God created man in His own image (1) to bring Him honor through obedience (2), and that when man disobeyed, he became a fallen and sinful creature (3), unable to save himself. We believe that infants are in the Covenant of God's grace and that all persons become accountable to God (4) when they reach a state of moral responsibility.

Scripture to support this:

- 1) Genesis 1:26-27, 2:7; Psalm 8:5.
- 2) Genesis 1:28-31, 2:15-25; Isaiah 43:7.
- 3) Genesis 3:1-24; Psalm 51:5; Jeremiah 13:23; Romans 1:18-3:23, 5:12-21, 7:1-25
- 4) Matthew 19:13-15; Romans 4:15, 5:13, 6:16; Hebrews 11:24-26.

- **We believe that salvation (1) (regeneration (2), sanctification (3), justification (4) and redemption (5)) has been provided for all mankind through the redemptive work (6) (life (7), death (7), resurrection (8), ascension (9) and intercession (10)) of Jesus Christ, and that this salvation can only be received through repentance (11) toward God and faith (12) in our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.**

Scripture to support this:

- 1) Hebrews 5:9, 7:25; 1Thessalonians 5:9; 1Peter 1:9.
- 2) John 1:11-13, 3:3-8; 1Peter 1:23; Ephesians 2:1-10; 2Corinthians 5:17; 2 Peter 1:4; Titus 3:5.
- 3) 1Corinthians 1:30; Ephesians 5:26; Hebrews 10:9-10, 13:12; 2Timothy 2:21; Romans 12:1-2; 1Peter 1:2.

- 4) Romans 3:20-24, 5:1-18, 8:30-33; Acts 13:38-39; 1Corinthians 6:11; 2Corinthians 5:21.
- 5) Matthew 20:28; Isaiah 53:6; Colossians 1:14; Titus 2:14; 1Peter 1:18-19; Revelation 5:9.
- 6) John 3:16, 14:6; Acts 4:12; Romans 5:8, 6:23; Ephesians 2:8-9; Hebrews 2:9; Revelation 22:17; 2Peter 3:9;
- 7) Romans 5:10; Hebrews 9:12-15; John 10:11; 1John 3:16.
- 8) Romans 4:25; 1Peter 1:3; 1Corinthians 15:14-17
- 9) Hebrews 4:14-16, 6:19-20, 9:24, 10:11-12.
- 10) Romans 8:34; Hebrews 9:15; Isaiah 53:12; 1Timothy 2:5.
- 11) Isaiah 55:6-7; Luke 13:3-5, 24:47; Acts 2:38; 1Thessalonians 1:9-10.
- 12) John 3:16-18; Hebrews 11:1-6; 1Peter 1:5.

- **We believe that those who abide (1) in Christ have the assurance (2) of salvation. However, we believe that the Christian retains his freedom of choice; therefore, it is possible for him to turn away (3) from God and be finally lost (4).**

Scripture to support this:

- 1) Matthew 10:22; Luke 9:62; Colossians 1:23; Revelation 2:10-11, 3:3-5
- 2) Matthew 28:20; 1Corinthians 10:13; Hebrews 5:9.
- 3) John 15:6; Romans 11:20-23; Galatians 5:4; Hebrews 3:12, 10:26-29; 2Peter 2:20-21.
- 4) John 15:6; 1Corinthians 9:27; Hebrews 6:4-6.

- **We believe that Christians should live faithfully by serving (1) in and through the local church, praying (2) diligently, witnessing (3) earnestly, practicing tolerance (4), showing loving kindness (5), giving (6) as God prospers, and conducting themselves in such a way as to bring glory to God.**

Scripture to support this:

- 1) 1Chronicles 16:11; Psalm 101:6; Matthew 28:18-20; John 15:7-14; Romans 12:14; 1Corinthians 13; 2Corinthians 8&9; Ephesians 4&6; Hebrews 12:1.
- 2) 2Chronicles 7:14; Daniel 6:10; Matthew 6:1-13, 26:41; Luke 18:1; 1Thessalonians 5:17.
- 3) Matthew 28:19-20; Acts 1:8.
- 4) Matthew 18:15-17; Luke 10:27; Galatians 5:22-23; 2Peter 1:5-9.
- 5) John 13:35; 1John 3:11, 4:7-12.
- 6) Matthew 23:23; 1Corinthians 16:2; 2Corinthians 9:6-7

- **We believe that the Church Universal (1) is the Body of Christ, the fellowship of all believers, and that its members have been called out from the world to come under the dominion and authority of Christ, its head. We believe that a local church (2) is a fellowship of Christians, a part of the body of Christ, voluntarily banded together for worship (3), nurture (4), and service (3).**

Scripture to support this:

- 1) Matthew 16:18; John 10:10; 1 Corinthians 3:16, 12:12-27; Ephesians 1:22-23; Colossians 1:18-24; Hebrews 12:23.
- 2) Matthew 18:17; Acts 2:38-47, 11:19-30; Revelation 1:4, 3:22.
- 3) Romans 12:1; 1 Corinthians 14:12-25; Hebrews 10:25; James 1:26-27.
- 4) Ephesians 4; 2 Peter 1:2-8, 3:18.

- **We believe that baptism (1) and the Lord's Supper (2) are ordinances instituted by Christ to be observed by Christians only. We also believe that the Biblical mode of baptism is immersion and that participation in the Lord's Supper should be open to all Christians.**

Scripture to support this:

- 1) Matthew 3:13-15, 28:19; Acts 2:41, 8:12-38, 10:47-48, 16:30-33, 19:5; Romans 6:3-5; Colossians 2:12; 1 Peter 3:21.
- 2) Matthew 26:26-29; Mark 14:22-25; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-29.

- **We believe in the sanctity (1) of the Lord's Day, the first day of the week (Sunday), and that this day ought to be observed (2) by worshipping God, witnessing for Christ, and ministering to the needs of humanity. We believe that secular work on Sunday should be limited to cases of necessity or mercy.**

Scripture to support this:

- 1) Exodus 20:8; Isaiah 58:13-14.
- 2) Mark 2:27-28; Luke 4:1-16, 14:1-6; Acts 20:7; 1 Corinthians 16:2; Revelation 1:10

- **We believe in the personal return of Jesus Christ (1) and in the bodily resurrection (2) of the dead. We believe that God will judge (3) all mankind by Jesus Christ; that He will reward the righteous with eternal life in Heaven and that He will banish the unrighteous to everlasting punishment in Hell.**

Scripture to support this:

- 1) Matthew 24&25; Luke 12:40; John 14:3; Acts 1:11; 1 John 3:2; Revelation 1:7.
- 2) John 5:25-29, 6:40, 11:24-25; Romans 8:11; 1 Corinthians 15; Philippians 3:21; 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17; Revelation 20:4-6.
- 3) Matthew 25:21; Mark 9:43-48; John 5:27; Acts 17:31; Romans 2:16, 14:12; 2 Corinthians 5:1-10; Colossians 3:24; 2 Thessalonians 1:7-10; Hebrews 9:27; 2 Peter 3:8-13; Jude 21; Revelation 2:7, 14:13, 20:10-15, 22:12.

Church Covenant

Having given ourselves to God, we now give ourselves to His church and covenant with it and with each other, as also with God:

1. That we forsake all unrighteousness, even the appearance of evil. We will abstain from all questionable pursuits and pleasures; we will forego all hurtful habits; we will avoid all evil associations.
2. That we will follow earnestly after righteousness and true holiness in the fear and love of God. We will seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, trusting that all needful and helpful things will be added to us; we will seek entire consecration to God; we will live a life of prayer; we will seek the constant abiding of the Divine Life within us; and we will be satisfied only when we have evidence that we please God and are accepted of Him.
3. That we faithfully improve all the means of grace. We will attend and support the services of the church, the preaching, the social services, the business meetings; we will contribute freely of our means for the advancement of the Gospel; we will cooperate with our brethren in every enterprise having for its end the glory of God and the salvation of men.
4. That we will be Christ-like in all our deportment. We will be tender and affectionate toward each other; we will be careful of each other's reputation, thinking no evil, and backbiting not with our tongues; we will return good for evil; we will be just and honest, truthful and honorable in all our dealings; we will do unto others as we would be done by; we will be meek, loving and forgiving as we desire and hope to be forgiven.
5. That we would be faithful Christian workers. We will do whatsoever Christian work comes to hand, shunning no cross, shirking no duty; we will even seek opportunities to do good, glorify God and save souls; we will study to win our associates, our neighbors, our families, all whom we may influence, to become Christians; we will count it more than our meat and drink, more than all things else, to do the will of the Father in heaven, to lead souls from sin and death, and lead them to God and heaven.
6. That when we remove from this place we will, as soon as possible, unite with another church where we can continue to live by the spirit of this covenant and the principles of the Bible.

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