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## **Articles of Faith**

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The church is "built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone" (Ephesians 2:20).

## Worship

- We praise God in biblical expressions of worshipping together in spirit and in truth.
- We pray together aloud, "*They Lifted Up Their Voice to God with One Accord.*" -**Acts 4:24**
- We lift our hands in praise, "*Lift up Your Hands in the Sanctuary, And Bless the Lord.*" -**Psalm 134:2**
- We sing with all hearts, "*Make a Joyful Noise unto the LORD, All the Earth: Make a Loud Noise, And Rejoice, and Sing Praise.*" -**Psalm 98:4**
- We play musical instruments, "*And All the House of Israel Played before the LORD on All Manners of Instruments.*" -**II Samuel 6:5**
- We clap and shout unto God, "*O Clap Your Hands, All Ye People; Shout unto God with the Voice of Triumph.*" -**Psalm 47:1**
- We dance before the Lord, "*Praise Him with the Timbrel and Dance: Praise Him with Stringed Instruments and Organs.*" -**Psalm 150:4**
- We testify publicly, "*I Will Declare Thy Name unto My Brethren; In The Midst Of the Congregation Will I praise thee.*" -**Psalm 22:22**
- We allow the operation of the spiritual gifts, "*When Ye Come Together, Every One of You Hath a Psalm, Hath a Doctrine, Hath A Tongue, Hath A Revelation, Hath An Interpretation.*" -**I Corinthians 14:26**

## **Baptism**

- We teach that baptism is an outward expression of the believer's faith in Jesus Christ. According to the Scriptures, the proper mode of baptism is immersion. (**Matthew 3:16, Acts 8:38 & Romans 6:4**)
- We baptize and teach that a believer should be baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. This base of teaching comes from Jesus commandment to His disciples to "teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost" (**Matthew 28:19**). He did not command them to use these words as a formula, but He commanded them to baptize in "the name." The word *name* is used here in the singular, and it is the focal point of the baptismal command. The titles Father, Son, and Holy Ghost describe God's relationships to humanity and are not the supreme, saving name described here, which is Jesus. "Neither is there salvation in any other; for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved" (**Acts 4:12**).

## Salvation

- We hold that salvation is by grace through faith in Jesus Christ, not by works.
- Faith in Jesus is the means by which a person is justified. At the same time, a sinner must believe the gospel; he is commanded to repent of his sinful life, to be baptized in water in the name of Jesus Christ, and to receive the gift of the Holy Spirit (**Acts 2:38; 4:12; 8:12-17; 10:43-48; 19:1-6**). Thus, the various aspects of faith and obedience work together in God's grace to reconcile us to God.

## Holy Spirit

- While fully God, Jesus was also fully man, possessing a full and true humanity. He was both God and man. Moreover, the Holy Spirit is God with us and in us. Thus, God is manifested as father in creation and as the Father of the Son, in the Son for our redemption, and as the Holy Spirit in our regeneration.
- We teach that the Holy Spirit can be received into one's life as demonstrated in **Acts chapters 2, 10, & 19** and is evidenced by the receiver speaking in tongues as the Holy Spirit gives the utterance.

## *Divine Healing*

- > We anoint with oil for divine healing, "Is any sick among you? Let him call for the elder of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord." -**James 5:14**
- > God has made Himself self-known through the ages by miraculous healing and has made special provisions in the age of grace to heal all that will come to Him in faith and obedience. Divine healing was purchased for us by the blood of Jesus Christ, especially by His stripes (**Isaiah 53:5; Matthew 8:16-17; I Peter 2:24**). We teach that through prayer and anointing of oil, God can heal any sickness or disease, but not to be ignorant or not use wisdom in all things. We also teach that if God has truly healed you, for you to visit your doctor to verify the miraculous power of God.

## *Family*

- > We stress and support the family unit as God's primary institution and teach that the church is God's redemptive fellowship for all believers.
- > We teach and believe that God created a family from a father and a mother. A father is a man and a mother is a woman. The scriptures clearly states this in **Lev 18:22, Deu. 22:5, Rom. 1:18-32, I Cor. 6:9-11, and I Cor. 13:5**, that a homosexual lifestyle or that type of relationship is against God's will for man. While we detest the homosexual lifestyle, we love the individual and pray for their deliverance and salvation.

## **God Head**

- In distinction to the doctrine of the Trinity, we hold to an oneness view of God.
- It views the Trinitarian concept of God, that of God eternally existing as three distinctive persons, as inadequate and a departure from the consistent and emphatic biblical revelation of God being one.
- We teach that the one God who revealed Himself in the Old Testament as Jehovah revealed himself in His Son, Jesus Christ. Thus, Jesus Christ was and is God. In other words, Jesus is the one true God manifested in flesh, for in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily (**John 1:1-14; I Timothy 3:16; Colossians 2:9**).

## **Bible**

- We hold a fundamental view of the Bible, "The Bible is the only God-given authority which man possesses; therefore all doctrine, faith, hope, and all instructions for the church must be based upon and harmonize with the Bible".
- The Bible is the Word of God, and therefore inerrant and infallible. We reject all extra-biblical revelations and writings, and views church creeds only as the thinking of men.
- The Bible is the inspired Word of God, giving a true history of the creation of heaven, earth, and humanity and containing a correct prophecy of the ages to come

regarding heaven, earth, and the destiny of humanity. Moreover, there is no salvation outside of what is taught in its pages.

### ***Second Coming, Resurrection, & Judgement***

- We teach that Jesus Christ is coming back to earth in bodily form, just as He went away (**Acts 1:11**). He will catch away a holy people (His bride, His church) who have accepted redemption through His blood, by birth of water and of the Spirit, and who are found faithful when He comes.
- We teach according to the Scriptures, that there will be a resurrection of all the dead, both just and unjust. (**John 5:28-29, Revelation 20:12-13, and Daniel 12:2; I Corinthians 15:13-23.**)
- A just God who knows the secrets of everyone's heart shall determine the eternal destiny of every soul. We teach that no man can determine your destiny or judgement, that is between you and God "...work out your own salvation with fear and trembling." (**PHI 2:12**).