

ARTICLE II — Faith & Doctrine

2.1. Statement of Faith:

- 2.1.1. WE BELIEVE in one God, eternally existing in three persons—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (1)—who created all things (2), sustains them by His power (3), and rules sovereignly over creation (4). He is all knowing (5), all powerful (6), and all present (7).
- 2.1.2. WE BELIEVE Jesus Christ, fully God and fully human (8), was born of the Virgin Mary (9), died for our sins, rose from the dead, and ascended to heaven (10). He will return bodily and in glory (11).
- 2.1.3. WE BELIEVE all humans are created in God’s image (12) but are marred by sin, in rebellion against God, and under His judgment (13).
- 2.1.4. WE BELIEVE the Bible is inspired by the Holy Spirit (14), free of error in its original form, and reveals God’s will and character (15). It guides, nourishes, and corrects the Church (16).
- 2.1.5. WE BELIEVE Jesus’ death justifies us, reconciling us to the Father (17). Salvation is by grace alone through faith (18), and His death is the only means of salvation (19).
- 2.1.6. WE BELIEVE the Holy Spirit regenerates believers (20) and empowers them to grow in faith, love the Word, pursue righteousness, serve others, and spread the Gospel (21). Marriage is a union of one man and one woman (22), and sexual intimacy is reserved for this relationship (23).
- 2.1.7. WE BELIEVE the Church gathers for worship, fellowship, prayer, and teaching (24), seeking purity, unity, and respect for its governance (25).
- 2.1.8. WE BELIEVE the Lord’s Supper celebrates Christ’s sacrifice (26). Baptism symbolizes union with Christ (27), and infants may be dedicated and baptized into the covenant with believing parents (28).
- 2.1.9. WE BELIEVE Christ’s kingdom, inaugurated at His first coming, will be consummated at His return (29). Believers will serve God forever in the new heavens and earth (30), while unbelievers will face eternal separation from Him (31).
- 2.1.10. WE BELIEVE the Church is called to love God wholeheartedly (32) and act with compassion and justice toward the poor and needy (33).

References:

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| (1) 2 Cor. 13:14; Eph. 4:4-6; | (12) Gen. 1:26-27. | (23) 1 Cor. 6:18. |
| 1 Pet. 1:2. | (13) Rom. 3:10-20; Acts 17:31. | (24) Acts 2:42; Heb. 10:25. |
| (2) Gen. 1:1; Col. 1:16-17. | (14) 1 Pet. 1:19-21. | (25) Eph. 4:1-6. |
| (3) Heb. 1:3. | (15) Ps. 119:89; 2 Tim. 3:16. | (26) 1 Cor. 11:23-26. |
| (4) Ps. 50:10; Prov. 21:1. | (16) John 17:17. | (27) Rom. 6:4-5. |
| (5) Ps. 139:1-6. | (17) Rom. 5:8-10. | (28) Acts 16:15. |
| (6) Job 42:1-2. | (18) Eph. 2:8-10. | (29) Rev. 19:20-21. |
| (7) Ps. 139:7-10. | (19) Acts 4:12. | (30) Rev. 22:1-5. |
| (8) John 1:1-2; Phil. 2:6-11. | (20) John 3:3-8. | (31) Matt. 25:34-40. |
| (9) Matt. 1:18-21. | (21) Ps. 119:11; Matt. 28:18-20. | (32) Mark 12:29-31. |
| (10) Acts 2:33-36. | (22) Gen. 2:18-25. | (33) Micah 6:8; James 1:27. |
| (11) Matt. 24:30-31; Acts 1:11. | | |

- 2.2. **Polity.** The Church acknowledges Jesus Christ as its only head and relies on the Holy Scripture, interpreted through faith and the guidance of the Holy Spirit, for all decisions.
- 2.3. **Covenant.** We commit to the Lord and to one another, promising in God’s presence to live according to His Word as He reveals His truth to us.