

## **Articles of Faith:**

### **About God**

There is only one true God who is the eternal King, Creator and Redeemer of all that is. He is perfectly holy, just, loving and truthful. He has demonstrated Himself to be a personal God that is highly involved with His creation. He has revealed Himself to be eternally self-existent – one being in three Persons: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

(1 Tim. 1:17; Is. 57:15; John 5:26; Matt. 28:19)

### **About the Father**

The Father is the creator of the universe, and is redeeming all things back to Himself. He gave the world His Son as atonement for man's sins, so that all who receive His gift can be called His sons and daughters. He is forming us as a potter shapes the clay, and He has given us every good and perfect gift that we need.

(Is. 63:16-17; John 3:16; John 1:12; Is. 64:8-9; James 1:17)

### **About Jesus**

The Lord Jesus Christ, the one and only Son of God, was conceived of the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin, Mary, and is God's Anointed One, empowered by the Holy Spirit to usher in God's Kingdom on earth. He was crucified for our sins, died, was buried, resurrected and ascended into heaven, and is now alive today, in the presence of God the Father, and in His people. He is "true God" and "true man".

(Jn. 3:16; Luke 1:26-35; Luke 4:14-21; 1 Cor. 15:3-4; Mark 16:19; Jn. 1)

### **About the Holy Spirit**

The Holy Spirit gives sanctifying power to man by indwelling the Christian and enabling him to live holy and minister supernaturally. The baptism of the Holy Spirit is poured out on believers that they might have power to be witnesses. He is our Helper, Comforter, and Teacher, and He leads us into all truth about who God is, and who we are in Him.

(Acts 1:4-8; Acts 2:4; John 14:26)

### **About the Bible**

The Bible is the only infallible and authoritative Word of God. Written by man, and inspired by God, it is the accepted canon of Scriptures as originally given. It is completely accurate and is there for our growth and guidance in our walk of faith. It is also meant to be read with the help of the Holy Spirit who leads us into all truth.

(2 Tim. 3:16-17; 2 Pet. 1:20-21; 1 Cor. 2:10-13)

## **About Sin**

Humankind was created in the image of God to know and enjoy Him, yet we willfully rejected the Lordship and glory of God for which we were intended. Because of this, sickness, death and judgment entered the world and now creation experiences the effects and consequences of sin. No one is good, or innocent from the effects of sin. All have sinned and all are in need of their sins to be atoned for by a Savior.

(Gen 2 & 3; Rom. 5:12; Rom. 6:23; Rom. 3:23; John 14:6)

## **About Salvation**

The victorious redemptive work of Christ on the cross provides freedom from the power of sin and death. All who receive this gift through repentance, believing, and receiving Jesus as their Lord and Savior are saved and are called sons and daughters of God.

(Col. 2:13-15; Rom. 6:5-11; John 1:12)

## **About Lordship**

The Christian is called to make Jesus not just their Savior, but their Lord. Lordship gives influence to Christ over every thought and action, and is a process of bringing one into greater maturity and holiness. Those who follow Christ are a new creation in Him, and the old man has died. They are no longer their own, but God's chosen people set apart for His good work.

(Rom. 10:9-10; 2 Cor. 10:4-6; Phi 3; 2 Cor. 5:17; 1 Cor. 6:19-20; 2 Tim. 2:21)

## **About Mercy & Grace**

Because of God's Mercy, He has freely given the gift of Grace that enables man, through faith to receive salvation, and empowers man to fulfill all that God has given him to accomplish. It is through God's grace on our lives that we are built up into maturity and have the ability to give a testimony of the work of Jesus.

(Eph. 2:8; 2 Cor. 9:8; 2 Cor. 12:9; Acts 20:32; Acts 4:33)

## **About the Church**

The church was purchased by the blood of Jesus, and consists of all who put their faith in Him. The church is called to build each other up, and stir one another to love and good works. Jesus gave His church the ordinances of Baptism and Communion, and the mission of carrying on His ministry to further advance His Kingdom. He commissioned His church to undo the works of the enemy, preach and live the good news of God's love, disciple the nations, baptize, and teach them to love and obey God. Jesus has covenanted with His church and is coming again for His spotless Bride. (Acts 20:28; Heb. 10:24-25; 1Cor. 11:23-26; Matt. 16:17-19; Matt. 28:16-20)

## **About Eternity**

Heaven and hell are real places. There will be a resurrection of both the saved (those who have received Christ and made Him their Lord) and the lost (those who have rejected Christ and His work in their lives), the one to eternal life and happiness, and the other to eternal death and punishment.

(Rev. 21:21-25; John 14:2; Rev. 21:8; Matt. 25:46; Rev. 20:15)