

intendent is Christ through the Holy Spirit; that it is scriptural for true churches to cooperate with each other in contending for the faith and for the furtherance of the gospel; that each local church is the sole judge of the measure and method of its cooperation; on all matters of membership, of policy of government, of discipline, of benevolence, the will of the Local Church is final.

Acts 2:41-48; I Cor. 11:2; Eph. 1:22-23; 4:11; Acts 20:17-28; I Tim. 3:17; Col. 1:18; Eph. 5:23-25

BAPTISM AND THE LORD'S SUPPER

We believe that Christian baptism is the immersion of the believer in water to show forth in a solemn and beautiful emblem our faith in the crucified, buried, and risen Saviour, with its effect in our death to sin and resurrection to a new life that it is a prerequisite to the privileges of a church relation. We believe that the Lord's Supper is the commemoration of His death until He come, and should be preceded always by solemn self-examination.

Acts 8:26-29; John 3:23; Rom. 6:3-5; Matt. 3:16; Col. 2:12; I Cor. 11:23-28

SECURITY OF THE SAINTS

We believe that all who are truly born again, are kept by God the Father for Jesus Christ.

Phil. 1:16; John 10:28-29; Rom. 8:35-39; I Peter 1:3-6; Jude 1

THE RIGHTEOUS AND WICKED

We believe that there is a radical and essential difference between the righteous and the wicked; that such only as through faith are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and sanctified by the Spirit of our God are truly righteous in His esteem; while all such as continue in impenitence and unbelief are in His sight wicked, and under the curse; and this distinction holds among men both in and after death, in the everlasting felicity of the saved, and the everlasting conscious suffering of the lost.

Mal. 3:18; Gen. 18:23; Rom. 6:17-18;

I John 5:19; Rom. 7:16; Rom. 6:23; Prov. 14:32; Luke 6:25; Matt. 25:24-41; John 8:21

CIVIL GOVERNMENT

We believe that the civil government is of divine appointment for the interests and good order of human society; that magistrates are to be prayed for, conscientiously honored, and obeyed; except in things opposed to the will of our Lord Jesus Christ who is the only Lord of the conscience, and the coming Prince of the Kings of the earth.

Rom. 13:1-7; II Sam. 23:3; Exodus 18:21-22; Acts 23:5; Matt. 22:21; Acts 5:20; Acts 4:19-20; Dan. 3:17-1

THE RESURRECTION, *the personal visible, pre-tribulation (pre-tribulational), pre-millennial return of Christ and related events*

a. We believe in the bodily resurrection.

Matt. 28:6-7; Luke 24:39; John 20:27; I Cor. 15:4; Mark 16:6; Luke 24:2-6.

b. The Ascension.

Acts 1:9-11; Mark 16:19; Rev. 3:21; Heb. 12:2

c. The high priesthood.

Heb. 8:6; I Tim. 2:5; I John 2:1; Heb. 2:17; Heb. 5:9-10

d. The second coming.

John 14:3; Acts 1:11; I Thess. 4:16; James 5:8; Heb. 9:28

e. The resurrection of the righteous dead.

I Thess. 4:13-18; I Cor. 15:22; 42-52

f. The change of the living in Christ.

I Cor. 15:51-53; I Thess. 4:13-18; Phil. 3:20-21

g. The Throne of David.

Luke 1:32; Isa. 9:6-7; Acts 2:29-30

h. The Millennial reign.

I Cor. 15:25; Isa. 32:1; Isa. 11:4-5; Rev. 20:14; Rev. 20:6

OUR CHURCH COVENANT

Having been led, as we believe, by the Spirit of God, to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Saviour, and on the profession of our faith, having been baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, we do now, in the presence of God and angels, most solemnly and joyfully enter into covenant with one another, as one body in Christ.

We engage, therefore, by the aid of the Holy Spirit to walk together in Christian love; to strive for the advancement of this church in knowledge, holiness, and comfort; to promote its prosperity and spirituality; to sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline, and doctrines; to give it a sacred pre-eminence over all institutions of human origin; to contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry, and the spread of the gospel through all nations. We also engage to maintain family and secret devotions; to religiously educate our children; to seek the salvation of our kindred and acquaintances; to walk circumspectly in the world; to be just in our dealings, faithful in our engagements, and exemplary in our deportment; to avoid all tattling, backbiting, and excessive anger; to abstain from the sale and use of intoxicating drinks as beverage, and to be zealous in our efforts to advance the Kingdom of our Saviour.

We further engage to watch over one another in brotherly love; to remember each other in prayer; to aid each other in sickness and distress; to cultivate Christian sympathy in feeling and courtesy in speech; to be slow to take offense, but always ready for reconciliation and mindful of the rules of our Saviour to secure it without delay.

We moreover engage that when we remove from this place, we will as soon as possible, unite with some other church where we can carry out the Spirit of this covenant and the principles of God's Word.

*Our
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THE SCRIPTURES

We believe that the Holy Bible as originally written was verbally inspired and the product of spiritually controlled men, and therefore, is truth without any admixture of error for its content. We believe the Bible to be the true center of Christian Union and the supreme standard by which all human conduct, creeds, and opinions, shall be tried.

II Timothy 3:16-17; II Peter 1:19-21

THE TRUE GOD

We believe there is one and only one living and true God, an infinite Spirit, the Maker and Supreme Ruler of heaven and earth; inexpressibly glorious in holiness, and worthy of all possible honor, confidence and love; that in the unity of the Godhead there are three persons, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, equal in every divine perfection, and executing distinct but harmonious offices in the great work of redemption.

Exodus 20:2-3; I Cor. 8:6; Rev. 4:11; I John 5:7

JESUS CHRIST

We believe that the whole substance and strength of the Christian faith centers in Jesus Christ who in the beginning was, who was with God and who was God. We believe that all things were made by Him; and without Him was not anything made that was made. We believe that in Him was and is, and shall be life eternal. We believe that Jesus, the pre-existent Son of God was begotten of the Holy Ghost in a miraculous manner, born of Mary a virgin, as no other man was ever born or can ever be born of a woman and that He is both the Son of God, and God the Son. In thus being born of a woman, Jesus Christ became humanity's son by a human birth. We believe the miracles of Christ are simple correlates of the Incarnation, literally accomplished as revealed in the Scriptures, the proper insignia of His royalty and divinity. We believe that He

died for our sins, was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures. We believe this man, the Lord Jesus Christ, because He ever liveth, hath an unchangeable priesthood, wherefore He is able to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by Him, seeing He ever liveth to make intercession for them.

John 1:1-4; Matt. 1:18-25; John 1:14; Acts 13:23; Rom. 1:3; Gal. 4:4; Heb. 4:15; Acts 2:22-24; I Cor. 15:1-4; Heb. 7:24-25

THE HOLY SPIRIT

We believe that the Holy Spirit is a divine person, with God the Father and God the Son and of the same nature; that He was active in the creation; that in His relation to the unbelieving world He restrains the Evil One until God's purpose is fulfilled; that He convicts of sin, righteousness, and of judgment; that He bears witness to the Truth of the Gospel in preaching and testimony; that He is the agent in the New Birth; that He seals, endues, guides, teaches, witnesses, sanctifies and helps the believer.

John 14:16-17; Matt. 28:19; Heb. 9:4; John 14:26; Luke 1:35; Gen. 1:1-3; John 16:8-11; Acts 5:30-32; John 3:4, 6; Eph. 1:13-14; Mark 1:8; John 1:33; Acts 11:16; Luke 24:49; Rom. 8:14, 16, 27

SATAN

We believe in the personality of Satan, that he is the unholy god of this age, and the author of all the powers of darkness, and is destined to the judgment of eternal justice in the lake of fire.

Matt. 4:1-3; II Cor. 4:4; Rev. 20:10

CREATION

We accept the Genesis account of creation and believe that man came by direct creation of God and not by evolution.

Gen. 1 & 2; Col. 1:16-17; John 1:3

FALL OF MAN

We believe that man was created in innocence under the law of his Maker, but by voluntary transgression fell from his sinless and happy state in consequence of which all mankind are now sinners, not only by constraint, but by choice, and therefore, under just condemnation without defense or excuse.

Gen. 3:1-6, 24; Rom. 1:18-32; 5:1-19

ATONEMENT FOR SIN

We believe that the salvation of sinners is wholly of grace; through the mediatorial offices of the Son of God, who by the appointment of the Father, freely took upon Him our nature, yet without sin, honored the Divine Law by His personal obedience, and by His death made a full and vicarious atonement for our sins; that His atonement consisted not in setting us an example by His death as a martyr, but was a voluntary substitution of Himself in the sinner's place, the Just dying for the unjust; Christ, the Lord, bearing our sin in His own wonderful body on the tree; having risen from the dead, He is now enthroned in heaven, and uniting in His wonderful person the tenderest sympathies with divine perfection, He is in every way qualified to be a suitable, a compassionate and all-sufficient Saviour.

Eph. 2:8; Acts 15:11; Rom. 3:24-25; John 3:16; Matt. 11:11; Phil. 2:7; Heb. 2:14; Isa. 53:4-7; I John 4:10; I Cor. 15:3; II Cor. 2:21

THE NEW BIRTH

We believe that in order to be saved, sinners must be born again, that the new birth is a new creation in Christ Jesus, that it is instantaneous and not a process; that in the new birth the one dead in trespasses and in sins is made a partaker of the divine nature and receives eternal life, the free gift of God; that the new creation is brought about in a manner above our comprehension, solely by the power of the Holy Spirit in connection with Divine

Truth, so as to secure our voluntary obedience to the gospel; that its proper evidence appears in the holy fruits of repentance and faith and newness of life.

John 3:3, 6-8; II Cor. 5:17-19; I John 5:1; Acts 16:30-33; II Pet. 1:4; Rom. 6:23; Eph. 2:1; Col. 2:13; John 3:8

JUSTIFICATION

We believe that the great gospel blessing which Christ secures to such as believe in Him is justification.

- That justification includes the pardon of sin, and the gift of eternal life, on principles of righteousness.
- That it is bestowed not in consideration of any works of righteousness which we have done but solely through faith in the Redeemer's blood, His righteousness is imputed to us.

Acts 13:39; Isa. 53:11; Zech. 13:1; Rom. 8:1; Rom. 5:1, 9

FAITH AND SALVATION

We believe that faith in the Lord Jesus Christ is the only condition of salvation.

Acts 16:31; John 3:16; 5:24

THE LOCAL CHURCH

We believe that a local church is a congregation of immersed believers, associated by covenant of faith and fellowship of the gospel; observing the ordinances of Christ; governed by His laws; and exercising the gifts, rights and privileges invested in them by His Word; that its officers are Pastors, and Deacons whose qualifications, claims, and duties are clearly defined in the Scriptures. We believe the true mission of the Church is the faithful witnessing of Christ to all men as we have opportunity. We hold that the local church has the absolute right of self-government, free from interference of any hierarchy or individuals or organizations and that the one and only super-