

CONFESSION OF FAITH

1. We believe in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments as verbally inspired by God, as inherent in the original writings, and as supreme and final authority in faith and life. II Tim. 3:16-17, Ps. 19:7, II Peter 1:21, Isa. 8:20
2. We believe in one God, eternally existing in three persons; that is, Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Isa. 45:21-22, Jer. 10:10, Matt 28:19, John 14:16, Matt. 3:16-17
3. We believe that Jesus Christ was begotten by the Holy Ghost, was born of the Virgin Mary, and is true God and true man, and is the only mediator between God and man. Isa. 7:14, Matt. 1:18-25, Luke 1:26-38, Matt. 3:17
4. We believe that man was created in the image of God, that he sinned and thereby incurred physical and spiritual death, which is separation from God.
Gen. 1:27-31, I Cor. 15:21, Rom. 6:23
5. We believe in the vicarious death of the Lord Jesus Christ as substitutionary sacrifice for sins, and that all who believe in Him are justified on the grounds of His shed blood. I Peter 1:18-19, Acts 16:31, Eph 1:7, I John 1:7, Eph. 2:13
6. We believe that all who receive the Lord Jesus Christ by faith are born again of the Holy Spirit and thereby become the children of God. All such are indwelt by the Holy Spirit, and baptized by Him into that spiritual body (church) of which Christ is the head. John 3:3-7, John 14:16-17, I Cor. 12:12-13, Col. 1:18-24
7. We believe in the eternal security of all who trust in our Lord Jesus Christ.
John 3:16, and 36, John 10:27-29, Rom 8:35-39, II Tim 1:12
8. We believe in the resurrection of the crucified body of our Lord, in his ascension into heaven, and in his present life there for us as High Priest and Advocate.
Ps. 16:10, Matt. 28, Mark 16, John 20:21, Acts 2:22-36
9. We believe in the "Blessed Hope", and in the personal and visible return of our Lord Jesus Christ to the earth to establish His kingdom. Ps. 24, Isa. 9:6, Isa. 24:22-23, Zech 14:4, Acts 1:10-11, Jude 14 and 15, Rev. 20
10. We believe God created humanity in His image, both male and female (Gen 1:27). We believe that the marriage relationship is between one man and one woman and is the fundamental basis for His procreative design (Gen. 1:28). Sexual relationships outside of the marriage covenant damage the practitioner's relationship with God, self and others. Lev. 18:22, Rom. 1:26-27, I Cor. 6:9-10.

This confession of faith was adopted by the association on the 9th of January 1947.