

ARTICLES OF FAITH

We believe that the proper purpose of all human endeavor is to glorify God and to enjoy Him forever; that God reveals to men how to glorify and enjoy Him in His holy and infallible Word, the Bible, which He has given by the inspiration of His Holy Spirit in order that men may certainly know what they are to believe concerning Him and what He requires of them.

We believe that there is but one living and true God, eternally existing in three persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

We believe that God created the heavens and the earth and all that exists in them.

We believe that God created man, male and female, in His own image, in knowledge, righteousness, and holiness, with dominion over all creation.

We believe that the first man, Adam, willfully sinned against God, bringing down upon himself and all his descendants the awful consequences of the fall, which include: God's just anger and condemnation, the corruption of his whole person, spiritual death, and liability to all the miseries of sinful human existence.

We believe that God did not leave the world to perish in sin, but out of His great love and mercy purposed to deliver from the consequences of the fall a multitude which no man can number and with them the creation itself.

We believe that God has accomplished this redemption through Jesus Christ, who, though He was and ever continues to be the eternal Son of God, yet became fully man, obeyed the law of God perfectly, suffered the full penalty for sin on behalf of His people, died, was buried, and rose again from the dead on the third day. He ascended to the right hand of the Father where He now makes continual intercession for His people and governs the whole world as head over all things for His Church.

We believe that all who truly repent of their sins and put their whole trust in Christ only are saved by the merit of His life and death alone and are received into the number and have a right to all the privileges of the children of God.

We believe that those who belong to Christ will strive by the power of the Holy Spirit, faithfully to perform all the duties laid upon them by the holy law of God, ever reflecting in life and conduct the perfect example set before them by Christ Himself.

We believe that God has established His church in the world and endowed it with the ministry of the Word and the holy ordinances of His kingdom as a means of making the gospel known to the world and of communicating, through His Spirit, the benefits of redemption to His people.

We believe that as Jesus Christ came once in grace, so He shall come a second time in glory to judge the world in righteousness, assigning to each man his eternal reward and consummating His kingdom by the establishment of a new heaven and new earth wherein His people will reign with Him and serve Him in glory forever.

