

ARTICLE IX - Tenants of Faith (We Believe)

Tenants of Faith (We Believe):

1. The Bible is the inspired and only infallible and authoritative written Word of God.
2. There is one God, eternally existent in three persons; God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit.
3. In the deity of our Lord, Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious and atoning death, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father and in His personal future return to earth in power and glory.
4. In the blessed hope of the rapture of the Church at Christ's return.
5. The only means of being cleansed from sin is through the repentance and faith in the precious blood of Christ.
6. *In the sanctifying power of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a holy life.*
7. *In water baptism and the Lord's supper (Communion).*
8. *In the resurrection of both the saved and the lost. The first to everlasting life. The second to everlasting damnation.*
9. *God's purpose concerning man is to seek and save that which is lost, to be worshipped by man and to build a body of believers in the image of His Son.*
10. *These believers, saved and called out of the world, constitute the body or Church of Jesus Christ.*
11. *The purpose of the Church is to be an agency of God for evangelizing the world, to be a corporate body in which man may worship God and to be a channel of God's purpose to build a Body of Saints being perfected in the image of His Son.*

This ministry recognizes its basis of faith shall be according to the doctrine of Christ found in II John 1:9 and Hebrews 6:1-3:

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"Whosoever transgresseth and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God, he that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son." (*II John 1:9, KJV*)

"Therefore, leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God, of the doctrine of baptisms and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead and of eternal judgment. And this will we do, if God permit." (*Hebrews 6:1-3, KJV*)

Based on these scriptures, we believe in seven principles, which are as follows:

1. Repentance from dead works.
2. Faith in God.
3. Doctrine of baptisms.
4. The laying on of hands.
5. The resurrection of the dead.
6. Eternal judgment.
7. The going on to perfection.

This statement of faith does not exhaust the extent of our faith. The Bible itself is the sole and final source of all that we believe as interpreted and applied by our Chairman and governing board.