

“THIS WE BELIEVE”

Article VII

1. WE BELIEVE THE SCRIPTURES, BOTH OLD AND NEW TESTAMENTS,

1- TO BE THE INSPIRED INFALLIBLE WORD OF GOD, WITHOUT ERROR IN THE ORIGINAL WRITINGS,

2- THE COMPLETE REVELATION OF HIS WILL FOR THE SALVATION OF MEN,

3- AND THE DIVINE AND FINAL AUTHORITY FOR ALL CHRISTIAN FAITH AND LIFE.

2. WE BELIEVE IN ONE GOD,

1- CREATOR OF ALL THINGS,

2- INFINITELY PERFECT, AND

3- ETERNALLY EXISTING AND MANIFEST


AS FATHER, SON, AND HOLY SPIRIT.

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- 3. WE BELIEVE IN THE ABSOLUTE DEITY OF JESUS CHRIST,**
- 1- HIS INCARNATION BY MEANS OF HOLY SPIRIT CONCEPTION AND VIRGIN BIRTH,**
 - 2- HIS SINLESS LIFE AND MIRACULOUS MINISTRY ON EARTH,**
 - 3- HIS DEATH ON THE CROSS AS A SUBSTITUTIONARY ATONEMENT FOR THE SINS OF ALL MEN,**
 - 4- HIS BODILY RESURRECTION FROM AMONG THE DEAD,**
 - 5- HIS EXALTATION TO THE RIGHT HAND OF THE FATHER AS LORD, MEDIATOR, PRIEST, & ADVOCATE,**
 - 6- AND HIS IMMINENT PERSONAL RETURN TO BRING INTO CONSUMMATION HIS WORK OF REDEMPTION BY ULTIMATE TRIUMPH OVER SATAN AND HIS HOSTS.**

4. WE BELIEVE IN THE PERSONALITY AND DEITY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.
 - 1- HE IS CO-EQUAL WITH THE FATHER AND THE SON.
 - 2- HE IS TO CONVICT THE WORLD OF SIN AND DRAW MANKIND TO SALVATION,
 - 3- THAT THROUGH HIM MEN ARE REGENERATED AND SANCTIFIED,
 - 4- THAT BY HIM THE SAINTS ARE INDWELT WITH THE DIVINE PRESENCE,
 - 5- AND BY HIM BELIEVERS ARE ENABLED TO LIVE A VICTORIOUS CHRISTIAN LIFE.
 - 6- HIS MINISTRY IS SUCH THAT THE SON IS GLORIFIED AND THUS DOES NOT DRAW ATTENTION TO HIMSELF OR HIS GIFTS.
 - 7- HE IS THE SEAL, EARNEST, GUIDE, TEACHER,
 - 8- AND IT IS THE NORM FOR THE BELIEVER TO BE FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT RESULTING IN THE BEARING OF SPIRITUAL FRUIT

5. WE BELIEVE THAT MAN

- 1- WAS CREATED IN THE IMAGE OF GOD**
 - 2- BUT FELL INTO SIN IN THE FALL OF ADAM AND IS CONSEQUENTLY TOTALLY DEPRAVED,**
 - 3- AND IS THEREFORE LOST FOR ETERNITY UNDER THE JUST CONDEMNATION OF A HOLY GOD,**
 - 4- UNABLE TO SAVE HIMSELF.**
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6. WE BELIEVE A CHRISTIAN IS ONE SAVED BY GRACE THROUGH FAITH.

1- THIS IS THE ONLY MEANS OF SALVATION.

2- WE BELIEVE THAT THE SHED BLOOD OF JESUS CHRIST, HIS SINGLE SUBSTITUTIONARY ATONING SACRIFICE, AND HIS SUBSEQUENT RESURRECTION PROVIDE THE ONLY GROUND FOR JUSTIFICATION AND SALVATION FOR ALL WHO BELIEVE.

3- TO BELIEVE IS TO REPENT OF ONE'S SIN AND TO ENTRUST ONESELF TO GOD BASED ON THE FINISHED ATONING WORK OF JESUS CHRIST ON THE CROSS.

4- IT IS ONLY AS ONE RECEIVES JESUS CHRIST AND IS BORN OF THE HOLY SPIRIT THAT ONE BECOMES A CHILD OF GOD AND IS THUS ETERNALLY SECURE.

7. WE BELIEVE IN THE POSITIONAL SANCTIFICATION OF EACH BELIEVER IN CHRIST AT THE TIME OF SALVATION,
 - 1- AND A PRACTICAL SANCTIFICATION WHICH IS PROGRESSIVE,
 - 2- DEPENDING UPON THE INDWELLING HOLY SPIRIT GIVING VICTORY OVER THE WORLD, THE FLESH, AND A LITERAL DEVIL.
 - 3- THIS CHRISTIAN LIFE IS OF NECESSITY TO BE LIVED IN NONCONFORMITY TO THE WORLD THAT THE BELIEVER MIGHT BE THE SALT AND LIGHT GOD INTENDS HIM TO BE.
 - 4- WHILE THERE IS FREEDOM IN CHRIST REGARDING PERSONAL CHOICES, CHRISTIAN LIBERTY IS NOT TO BE USED AS AN OCCASION FOR THE FLESH.

8. WE BELIEVE THAT THE CHURCH, THE BODY OF CHRIST, IS A SPIRITUAL ORGANISM

1- MADE UP OF ALL BORN-AGAIN BELIEVERS OF THIS PRESENT AGE

2- AND THAT IT WAS BIRTHED AND EMPOWERED BY THE COMING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT ON THE DAY OF PENTECOST.

3- THIS INVISIBLE UNIVERSAL CHURCH IS MANIFESTED THROUGH LOCAL CHURCHES OF WHICH CORNERSTONE BIBLE CHURCH IS BUT ONE SUCH BODY SEEKING TO LIVE OUT ITS BIBLICAL CALLING WITH JESUS AS IT'S HEAD.

4- WE ARE CALLED TO FELLOWSHIP WITH OTHERS OF LIKE PRECIOUS FAITH.

**9. WE BELIEVE THAT “BELIEVER’S BAPTISM”
AND “THE LORD’S SUPPER” ARE
ORDINANCES TO BE OBSERVED BY THE
CHURCH DURING THE PRESENT AGE.**

**THEY ARE NOT TO BE REGARDED AS
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