

Instrument Number II
Articles Of Faith
(Short Statement)

Section 1. - The Bible

We believe the whole Bible from Genesis 1:1 to Revelation 22:21 to be the verbally inspired and infallible Word of God.

Section 2. - God the Father

We believe in God the Father, perfect in holiness, infinite in wisdom, and measureless in power. We rejoice that He concerns Himself mercifully in the affairs of men, that He hears and answers prayer, and that He saves from sin and death all who come to Him through Jesus Christ.

Section 3. - Jesus Christ

- a. We believe Jesus Christ, God's only begotten Son, was born of a virgin, and is the Son of God, and God the Son.
- b. We believe that Christ, sinless in His life, died for our sins according to the Scriptures, the Just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God.
- c. We believe that He rose from the grave the third day according to the Scriptures.
- d. We believe His ascension into heaven, that He, only, is the great High Priest, and we need not the intercession of any man, but that Christ ever liveth to make intercession for us.
- e. We believe in the premillennial return of Christ; that He will come again in Person, bodily, visibly, to establish His kingdom on the earth. We believe that at Christ's coming in the air, the bodies of the dead in Christ shall be raised incorruptible and reunited with soul and spirit; the bodies of Christians who are alive shall be changed and glorified, and without dying, shall be caught up to be with the Lord (I Thess. 4:13-17; I Cor. 15:51-53). The saved will then appear before the Judgment Seat of Christ to be rewarded for their deeds (II Cor. 5:10; I Cor. 3:11-15). After these things, Christ will return bodily and visibly to the earth, with His Saints, and shall rule the world in righteousness for a thousand years at the end of which the unsaved dead will be resurrected, and their Judgment and condemnation shall take place (Mt. 24:30-31; Rev. 19:11-16).

Section 4. - The Holy Spirit

We believe in God the Holy Spirit who came to convict the world of sin, righteousness and judgment, and to regenerate, sanctify, comfort and seal forever those who believe in Jesus Christ.

Section 5. - Salvation

- a. We believe that all men are sinners by nature and by choice, and that in order to be saved, the soul must be born again, “Ye must be born again.” (John 3:3).
- b. We believe that Christ keeps those who are truly born again (II Tim. 1:12; John 10:28), and that those who reject Christ as Savior and Lord will be forever separated from God (Rev. 20:15).
- c. We believe that every truly born again soul should declare his faith by the act of baptism (immersion in water), setting forth the Lord’s death, burial and resurrection.
- d. We believe that all Christians are called unto a life of separation from worldly and sinful practices, and to a life of usefulness for Christ.

Section 6. - The Church

We believe that the Church is a body of Scripturally baptized believers, voluntarily united together for the purpose of the worship of God, the fellowship of believers, and whose only mission is, not to “reform the world”, but to preach and teach the Gospel of Salvation to the individual soul throughout the world.

Section 7. - Baptist Distinctions

We believe that our Baptist distinctives are Scripturally sound. They include the priesthood of all believers; a regenerate church membership; the symbolic ordinances of baptism and the Lord’s Supper; the autonomy of the local church; the absolute separation of church and state; and a world-wide program of missionary endeavor in obedience to the final command of our Lord.

SUMMARY

A Bible Baptist is one who believes in a supernatural Bible, which tells of a supernatural Christ, Who had a supernatural birth, Who spoke supernatural words, Who performed supernatural miracles, Who lived a supernatural life, Who died a supernatural death, Who rose in supernatural splendor, Who intercedes as a supernatural priest and Who will one day return in supernatural glory to establish a supernatural Kingdom on the earth.