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DECLARATION OF FAITH

The New Hampshire declaration with the imminent, pre millennial, interpretation, interpretation tot the last Article shall be the Confession of Faith of this Church.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

Section 1 - Of the Scriptures

We believe in the authority and sufficiency of the Holy Bible, consisting of the sixty six books of the Old and New Testaments, as originally written; that it was in every word and in every thought completely inspired and is the product of Spirit-controlled men, and therefore is infallible and without error in all matters of which it speaks.

We believe the Bible to be the true center of Christian unity and the supreme standard by which all human conduct, creeds and opinions shall be tried. (2 Timothy 3:16, 17; 2 Peter 1:19-21.)

Sections 2 - Of the True God

We believe there is one, and only one, living and true God and infinite Spirit, the Maker and Supreme Ruler of heaven and earth; inexpressibly glorious in holiness and worthy of all possible honor, confidence and love; that in the unity of the Godhead there are three persons - the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, Equal in every divine perfection, and executing distinct but harmonious offices in the great work of redemption. (Exodus 20:2-3; 1 Corinthians 8:6; Revelation 4:11; 1 John 5:7)

Section 3 - Of The Holy Spirit

We believe that the Holy Spirit is a divine person, with God the Father and God the Son, and of the same nature; that He was active in the creation; that in His relation to the unbelieving world He restrains the Evil One until God's purpose is fulfilled; that He convicts of sin, of righteousness and of judgment; that He bears witness to the truth of the Gospel in preaching and testimony; that He is the agent in the New Birth; that He seals, endues, guides, teaches, witnesses, sanctifies, and

helps the believer. (John 14:16,17; Matthew 28:19; Hebrews 9:14; John 14:26; Luke 1:35; Genesis 1:1-3; John 16:8-11; Acts 5:30-32; John 3:5-6; Luke 24:49; Ephesians 1:13-14; Mark 1:8; John 1:33; Acts 11:16; Romans 8:14; Romans 8:14; Romans 8:16; 8:26-27.)

Sections 4 - Of The Devil, or Satan

We believe in the reality and personality of Satan, the Devil; and that he was created by God as an angel but through pride and rebellion became the enemy of his Creator; that he became the unholy god of this age and the ruler of all the power of the darkness and is destined to the judgment of and eternal justice in the Lake of Fire. (Matthew 4:1-11; 2 Corinthians 4:4; Revelation 20:10.)

Section 5 - Of The Creation

We believe the Biblical account of the creation of the physical universe, angels, and man; that this account is neither allegory nor myth, but a literal, historical, account of the direct, immediate, creative acts of God without any evolutionary process; that man was created by the direct work of God and not from previously existing forms of life; and that all men are descended from the historical Adam and Eve, first parents of the entire human race. (Genesis 1:2; Colossians 1:16-17; John 1:3.)

Section 6 - Of The Fall Of Man

We believe that man was created in innocence (in the image and likeness of God) under the law of his maker, but by voluntary transgression Adam fell from his sinless and happy state, and all men sinned in him, in consequence of which all men are totally depraved, are partakers of Adam's fallen nature, and are sinner by nature and by conduct, not only from constraint but by choice, and therefore, are under just condemnation without defense of excuse. (Genesis 3:1-6; Romans 3:10-19; 5:12,19; Romans 1:18,32.)

Section 7 - Of The Virgin Birth

We believe that Jesus was begotten of the Holy Spirit in a Miraculous manner; born of Mary, a virgin, as no other man was ever born or ever can be born of woman; and that He is both the Son of God and God the Son. (Genesis 3:15; Isaiah 7:14; Matthew 1:18-25; Luke 1:35; John 1:4.)

Section 8 - Of Salvation

We believe that the salvation of sinners is divinely initiated and wholly of grace through the mediatorial offices of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, who, by the appointment of the Father, voluntarily took upon Himself our nature, yet without sin, and honored the divine law by His personal obedience, thus qualifying himself to be our Savior; that by the shedding of His blood in his death He fully satisfied the just demands of a holy and righteous God regarding sin; that His sacrifice consisted not in setting us an example by His death as a martyr, but was voluntary substitution of Himself in the sinner's place, the Just dying for the unjust, Christ the Lord bearing our sins in His own body on the tree; that having risen from the dead He is now enthroned in Heaven, and uniting in His wonderful person the tenderest sympathies with divine perfection, He is in every way qualified to be suitable, and compassionate, and an all sufficient Savior.

We believe that faith in the Lord Jesus Christ is the only condition of salvation; and that repentance is a change of mind and purpose toward God, prompted by the Holy Spirit, and is an integral part of saving faith. (Jonah 2:9; Hebrews 2:14-17; Isaiah 53:4-7; 1 John 4:10; 1 Corinthians 15:3 2 Corinthians 5:21; 1 Peter 2:24.)

Section 9 - Of The Resurrection And Priesthood Of Christ

We believe in the bodily resurrection of Christ and in His ascension into heaven, where He now sits at the right hand of the Father as our High Priest, interceding for us. (Matthew 28:6-7; Luke 24:39; John 20:27; 1` Corinthians 15:4; Mark 16:6; Luke 24:2-6,51; Acts 1:9-11; Revelations 3:21; Hebrews 8:6; 12:2; 7:25; 1 Timothy 2:5; 1 John 2:1; Hebrews 2:17; 5:9-10.)

Section 10 - Of Grace And The New Birth

We believe that in order to be saved sinners must be born again; that the new birth is a new creation in Christ Jesus; that it is instantaneous and not a process; that in the new birth the one dead in trespasses and in sins is made a partaker of the Divine nature and receives Eternal life, the free gift of God; that the new creation is brought about by our sovereign God in a manner above our comprehension, solely by the power of the Holy Spirit in connection with divine truth, so as to secure our voluntary obedience to the Gospel; that its proper evidence appears in the holy fruits of repentance, faith and newness of life. (John 3:3; 2 Corinthians 5:17; 1 John 5:1; Acts 16:20-33; 2 Peter 1:4; Romans 6:23, Ephesians 2:1,5; Colossians 2:13; John 3:8.)

Section 11 - Of Justification

We believe that justification is that judicial act of God whereby He pardons the

believing sinner, gives Eternal Life on the principles of righteousness, and declare the believer righteous upon the basis of the imputed righteousness of Christ; that it is bestowed, not in consideration of any works of righteousness which we have done, but solely through faith in the Redeemer's shed blood. (Romans 2:24; 4:5; Galatians 2:16; Philippians 3:9.)

Section 12 - Of Sanctification

We believe that sanctification is the divine setting apart of the believer unto God accomplished in a threefold manner: first, and eternal act of God, based upon redemption in Christ, establishing the believer in a position of holiness at the moment he trusts the Savior; second, a continuing process in the saint as the Holy Spirit applies the Word of God to the life; third accomplishment of this process at the Lord's return. (Hebrews 10:10-14; 3:1; John 17:17; 2 Corinthians 3:18; 1 Corinthians 1:30; Ephesians 5:25-27; 1 Thessalonians 4:3-4; 5:23-24; 1 John 3:2; Jude 24-25; Revelation 22:11.)

Section 13 - Of The Security Of Believers

We believe that all who are truly born again are kept by God the Father for Jesus Christ, forever. (Philippians 1:6; John 10:28-29; Romans 8:35-39; Jude 1)

Sections 14 - Of The New Testament Church

We believe the local New Testament Church consists of two or more baptized believer, united by and under the leadership of the Holy Spirit, acknowledging the Headship of Christ, carrying out the teaching of the scripture for the glory of the Lord. Each local New Testament Church is independent of all other organizations and its members shall solely be the judge of the measure and method of its cooperation with outside organization and standard of membership, Unity of believers by the Holy Spirit should be taught and practiced in the local New Testament Church. (Matthew 18:20; 1 Corinthians 12:12-13; Matthew 28:18-20; Ephesians 4:3.)

We believe that an organized New testament Church includes the offices of Pastor and Deacon, and has the Responsibility to remember the Lord's death until He comes, and the privilege of baptizing believers by immersion. We also acknowledge that the local new Testament church believers are a part of the Body of Christ, making up the only true Church. (Ephesians 5:23-32; 2:19-22.)

Of Baptism And The Lord's Supper

We believe that Christian baptism is the single immersion of a believer in water to show forth in a solemn and beautiful emblem our identification with the crucified, buried and risen savior, through Whom we died to sin and rose to a new life; that baptism is to be performed under the authority of the local church; and that it is prerequisite to the privileges of church membership.

We believe that the Lord's Supper is the commemoration of His Death until He come, and should be preceded by solemn self-examination. (Acts 8:36-39; John 3:23; Romans 6:3-5; Matthew 3:16; Colossians 2:12; 1 Corinthians 11:17-34; Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 2:41-42.)

Scripturally, the local church cannot decide who will or will not partake of the Lord's Supper. However, words of caution should be given by him who officiates, similar to the following: 1-The Lord's Supper is for the Saved only, 2- Self-examination is to be made to determine if one is walking in a right relationship with their Lord Jesus Christ. 3- Participants should be convinced that their conscience is clear toward God and man before partaking.

Sections 16 - Of Separation

We believe in obedience to the Biblical commands to separate ourselves unto God from worldliness and ecclesiastical apostasy. (2 Corinthians 6:14-7:1; 1 Thessalonians 1:9-10; 1 Timothy 6:3-5; Romans 16:17; 2 John 9-11.)

Section 17 - Of Civil Government

We believe that civil government is of divine appointment, for the interests and good order of human society; that magistrates are to be prayed for, conscientiously honored, and obeyed; except in things opposed to the will of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the only Lord of the conscience, and the coming King of Kings. (Romans 13:1-7; 2 Samuel 23:3; Exodus 18:21-22; Acts 23:5; Matthew 22:21; Acts 5:20; 4:19-20; Daniel 3:17-18.)

Section 18 - Of Israel

We believe in the sovereign selection of Israel as God's eternal covenant people; that she is now dispersed because of her disobedience and rejection of Christ, and that she will be regathered in advent of Christ. (Genesis 13:14-17; Romans 11:1-32; Ezekiel 37.)

Sections 19 - Of The Rapture And Subsequent Events

We believe in the pre-tribulation return of Christ, an event which can occur at any moment, and that at the moment the dead in Christ shall be raised in glorified bodies, and the living in Christ shall be given glorified bodies without tasting death, and all shall be caught up to meet the Lord in the air before the seven years of the Tribulation. (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; 1 Corinthians 15:42-44; 51-54; Philippians 3:20-21; Revelation 3:10.)

We believe that the Tribulation, which follows the rapture of Church, will be culminated by the revelations of Christ in power and great glory to sit upon the throne of David and to establish the millennial kingdom. (Daniel 9:25-27; Matthew 24:29-31; Luke 1:30-33; Isaiah 9:6-7; 11:1-9; Acts 2:29-30; Revelation 20:1-6.)

Section 20 - Of The Righteous And The Wicked

We believe that there is a radical and essential difference between the righteous and the wicked; that only those who are justified by faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, and sanctified by the Spirit of our God, are truly righteous in His Esteem; while all such as continue in impenitence and unbelief are in His sight wicked and under the curses; and this distinction hold among men both in and after death, and in the everlasting felicity of the saved and the everlasting conscious suffering of the lost in the Lake of Fire. (Revelation 20:14-15; Malachi 3:18; Genesis 18:23; Romans 6:17-18; 1 John 5:19; Romans 7:6; 6:23; Proverbs 14:32; Luke 6:25; Matthew 25:34-41; John 8:21.)