

## ARTICLE III

### Section 1. The Word of God

We believe the Bible to be the inspired, the infallible, authoritative Word of God. Written under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, without error, and it is the supreme authority on faith and conduct.

### Section 2. The Trinity

We believe that there is one living God, eternally existing in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; these three are equal in divine characteristic, but execute distinct but harmonious offices in God's plan of redemption.

### Section 3. God the Father

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

### Section 4. Jesus Christ

We believe in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, conceived by the Holy Spirit, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, miracles and teachings, in His substitutionary and atoning death through His shed blood, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father and in His personal return to power and glory. He is the only mediator between God and man and is perpetually interceding for His people before God the Father.

### Section 5. The Holy Spirit

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the third person of the Trinity, proceeding forth from the Father and the Son. He convicts the world of sin, righteousness, and judgment; regenerates lost and sinful men for salvation. We believe the present ministry of the Holy Spirit is to indwell each believer and to empower them to live a godly life through teaching and guiding.

### Section 6. Regeneration & Salvation

We believe that every person is a sinner by nature and are under condemnation to hell. We believe that those who repent of their sins and trust in Jesus Christ's death and resurrection for the atonement of sin are regenerated by the Holy Spirit.

### Section 7. The Church of Jesus Christ

We believe that all regenerated persons become members of the universal church of Jesus Christ. Christ is the head of that Church and gives direction to that body. We also believe in the local church, consisting of a group of believers in Jesus Christ, upon a credible confession of faith, and associated for worship, work and fellowship. Members of the Church have two primary tasks: giving the Gospel to the lost and disciplining new believers.

### Section 8. Ordinances

We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ has given two ordinances to the local church, baptism and the Lord's Supper. Neither one of these produce regeneration but are important steps of obedience and fellowship with Christ. We believe, that baptism is by immersion of a believer in water in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. The Lord's Supper was instituted by Christ for commemoration of His death. These two ordinances are to be practiced until Christ returns.

#### Section 9. Christian Conduct

We believe Christian believers should live to glorify God and the well being of mankind. Conduct should be blameless before the world. Each believer also should enjoy his own freedom in Christ, with the ability to think and have a unique relationship with God. We do believe in mutual accountability of each believer to each other in matters of doctrine and excesses.

#### Section 10. Religious Liberty

We believe that every human being has direct relations with God and is responsible to God alone in all matters of faith; that each church is independent and must be free from ecclesiastical or political authority; that, therefore, Church and State must be kept separate as having different function, each fulfilling its duties free from dictation or patronage of the other.

#### Section 11. Last Things

We believe in the personal and visible return of the Lord Jesus Christ to earth and the establishment of His kingdom. We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost—they that are saved unto the resurrection of life eternal and they that are lost unto the resurrection of final judgment and endless suffering.