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Primitive Baptist Church

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1) We believe there is one true and living God, and that the Godhead consists of three Divine Persons, The Father, and The Son, and The Holy Spirit

[. Deu. 4:39,](#)
[Matt. 28:19,](#)
[Mark 12:32, 1st](#)
[John 5:7](#)

This teaches: that There in one God and is Three persons, commonly called the Trinity

2) We believe Jesus Christ to be The Son of God.

[Matt. 3:16-17](#)
[Luke 1:35](#)

This teaches: Jesus Christ is the only begotten Son of God, meaning the only man that was conceived by the Holy Ghost, and not through Adam's lineage.

3) We believe that all scripture is given by inspiration of God, and that the ministers of Christ should teach all the scripture recorded in the 1611 King James Version. However, we believe that the New Testament contains the perfect rule of order, discipline and practice for the Church of Christ.

[Acts 20:26-28,](#)
[II Cor. 3:6,](#)
[Heb. 7:12,](#)
[II Tim. 3:16-17](#)

This teaches: God divinely inspired all scripture and divinely preserved it in English. Even though all scripture is inspired, the New Testament is our rule for New Testament doctrine and practice

4) We believe that by one man - Adam - sin entered into the world, and by that sin death passed upon all men, and that "by nature" the human race is alienated from God, and are without strength, desire or will to come to Christ for life.

[John 6:44,](#)
[Rom. 3:9-18,](#)
[Eph. 2:1-3](#)
[Titus 3:3-7](#)

This teaches: All men are sinners by representation, conception, and action, and apart from the grace of God, that individual will stay in that condition. In the fall, man lost any form of acceptance with God, but man is still accountable for all his actions.

5) We believe that by the decree of God, and for the manifestation of His glorious grace, He chose an innumerable host of mankind, and predestinated them to be conformed to the image of His Son Jesus Christ. Those He chose are particular and unchangeably designed, so that they cannot either increase or diminish.

[Rom. 8:29-30,](#)
[Rom. 9:10-16,](#)
[Eph. 1:3-6 Rev.](#)
[7:9](#)

This teaches: God elected (chose) an innumerable host in Jesus Christ before the foundation of the world not based on any foreseen action of the elect. He has forever loved the elect and in loving them he saves from their sins. The elect, like all men, could not save themselves and if he had not chose to save any, then none would ever be saved. God predestinated the elect to be conformed to the image of His son, however God did NOT predestinate any human to hell. God does not need to be active in making a person a sinner, because mankind were made sinners by Adam and in Adam. This eternal salvation is totally the work of God and for His glory. Men have no part in that work and have no part in where of to glory.

6) We believe that those of mankind thus chosen and fore-ordained unto eternal life, were redeemed by Christ Jesus, and are effectually called by the direct work of the Holy Spirit, and that by irresistible grace. We, thus reject the doctrines of water baptism regeneration and gospel regeneration by the preached word.

[Ps. 65:4, John](#)
[1:10-13, John](#)
[3:5-8, John](#)
[6:63, John](#)
[10:27-30, Eph.](#)
[2:1, Gal. 4:6,](#)
[Jude 1:1 and I](#)
[Peter 1:18-19](#)

This teaches: The elect of God were legally redeemed, by Christ. This also states that each elect, will be given divine life by Spirit of God. Since man is dead in trespasses and sins he cannot come to Christ. Christ shall call each elect by the power of His voice and at that moment, He gives (not offers) eternal life and that person is fit for heaven at that instant. God is the sole Father of His spiritual children. Man is not co-Savior nor is he co-Redeemer with Christ therefore we reject the notion that God uses men in any capacity to eternally save His people.

7) We believe in the preservation of the saints; that they are "preserved" in Jesus Christ, and can never finally fall away from the love of God and the redemption that is by Jesus Christ.

[John 5:24,](#)
[Rom. 8:33-39,](#)
[Phil. 1:6 Jude](#)
[1:1](#)

This teaches: This teaches "Once saved always saved", because our eternal salvation is based solely on the merits of Christ, not our works in the service to God. We can fall from our spiritual steadfastness but we can not fall out of the unmerited favor of God. "Once loved always loved" for nothing shall separate a child of God from the Love of God.

8) We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are Ordinances of Christ, and baptism by immersion in water is the only scriptural mode, and that unleavened bread and wine are the only proper emblems for the Lord's Supper, and that the authority to administer these ordinances is invested in God's ministers who have come under the imposition of hands by a presbytery.

[Matt. 3:16-17,](#)
[Matt.](#)
[26:26-29, John](#)
[3:23 1stCor.](#)
[11:23-26](#)

This teaches: The proper emblems and administer are only those endorsed by scripture.

9) We believe that Jesus Christ taught one of the greatest examples of humility when He laid aside His garments, and washed the apostles feet. We believe that the Church of Christ should practice this example in all ages

[John 13:4-17](#)

This teaches: That washing of the saint's feet is a commandment of God, and we should practice one to another in literal sense and also be willing to wash one another's feet in humble service of love toward one another.

10) We believe that there shall be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and unjust, and that the bodies of the elect shall inherit the Kingdom prepared for them "from the foundation of the world", and that the bodies of the wicked "shall go away into everlasting punishment".

[Dan. 12:2,](#)
[Matt. 25:34-46,](#)
[Acts 24:15, I](#)
[Cor. 15:35-55](#)
[Rev. 20:11-15](#)

This teaches: There is a general resurrection of the bodies of the just and unjust. The elect will be completely redeemed (spirit, soul and body) will be with the Lord in this state. The wicked will be sent to the everlasting punishment that was not made humans but for the devil and his angles. The entire human race is worthy of this damnation but the elect will not be subject to this because Christ suffered in their room and stead. Since God honored the sacrifice of Son, God can not charge the elect again (substitutionary atonement)

11) We deny that God decreed sin, and that He is not in any sense the author thereof. We believe the scriptures teach a parental law, and that the saints of God that obey the scriptures enjoy blessings in this life which cannot be enjoyed otherwise.

[Isa. 1:19-20,](#)
[Luke 12:24, 1st](#)
[Cor. 3:8, James](#)
[1:13-15 James](#)
[1:25](#)

*This teaches: God is **not** the author of sin, just because God knows something will happen doesn't mean he was the author of the event. Not one single elect shall fall out of grace by disobedience from the commandments of God. How ever they shall experience the chastisement of their Heavenly Father.*

12) We believe that the Churches of Christ should withdraw from every member that walks disorderly; that walks in any sin named in Gal 5:19-21 and Eph 5:5.

[Gal. 5:19-21](#)
[Eph. 5:5.](#) [Rom.](#)
[16:17-18,](#) [I Cor.](#)
[6:10](#) [II Thes.](#)
[3:6](#)

This teaches: That the church is to remain unspotted from the world, and that the church should exercise discipline to be blameless and be lights in the midst of a perverse generation. The discipline is with love that doesn't rejoice in iniquity but in the truth. The discipline goal is to labor with love for Christ and the brother/sister in hope of restoring them for the Glory of Christ.

13) We believe in the separation of Church and State, and that each local church is an organic member of the visible Kingdom of Jesus Christ, and that such a church is an independent body, having Christ as her only Head and Lawgiver

[Matt. 23:21,](#)
[John 18:36,](#)
[Eph. 5:23,](#) [Eph.](#)
[4:15-16](#) [Col.](#)
[1:18](#)

This teaches: That the church is autonomous and that Christ is her only Head. She should be ruled according to scriptures and not to dictates of political correctness, ecclesiastical governing bodies, nor any that try to replace Christ as her only Head and Lawgiver.