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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](#) and [I John 5:7](#)).
2. We believe Jesus Christ to be The Son of God. ([Matt. 3:16-17](#) and [Luke 1:35](#)).
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](#) and [II Tim. 3:16-17](#)).
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](#) and [Titus 3:3-7](#)).
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](#) and [Rev. 7:9](#))
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](#)).
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](#) and [Jude 1:1](#)).
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](#) and [I Cor. 11:23-26](#)).

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](#)).
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](#) and [Rev. 20:11-15](#)).
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](#), [I Cor. 3:8](#), [James 1:13-15](#) and [James 1:25](#)).
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](#) or [Eph. 5:5](#). ([Rom. 16:17-18](#), [I Cor. 6:10](#) and [II Thes. 3:6](#)).
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](#) and [Col. 1:18](#)).