

I. **Introduction. WHAT WE BELIEVE AS A BAPTIST CHURCH.**

II. **Articles of Faith**

- A. **GOD.** We believe that there is one, and only one, true and living God, that He is absolute in nature, perfect in attributes, holy in character, the maker and supreme ruler of heaven and earth; that He is infinite in wisdom, marvelous in power, and amazing in love; He is holy, righteous, and true, worthy of all confidence and love; that He unites in Himself the infinite, the eternal, and the Almighty Three - God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit; that the three persons of the Godhead subsist in the same divine nature, essence and being; and that they are co-existent and co-equal in every divine attribute, and each one executing distinct and harmonious offices in the great work of redemption.
- B. **THE DIVINE TRINITY.**
- **God the Father.** We believe that God, the Father is the first person set forth in the Divine Trinity; that He is almighty, merciful, and just; and He is holy, righteous, and true; that He is eternally existent, glorious in nature; possessing the attributes of omnipotence, omniscience, and omnipresence; and that He, in harmony with His divine office; loves, provides, and protects, thus exercising providential watch-care over the sons of men, and especially a fatherly care over the children of God.
 - **God the Son - Virgin Born.** We believe that God the Son is the second person set forth in the Divine Trinity; that He is Very God of Very God; that He is almighty, merciful, and just; that He is holy, righteous, and true, that He is eternally existent, glorious in nature, possessing the attributes of omnipotence, omniscience and omnipresence; that God, the Father, through the Holy Spirit, is actually and eternally His divine Father, and Mary the Virgin, is actually and innocently His human mother; and that He in harmony with His divine office mediates, seeks, and saves thus exercising the mediatorial office of redemption.
 - **God the Holy Spirit.** We believe that God, The Holy Spirit, is the third person set forth in the Divine Trinity; He is almighty, merciful, and just; that He is eternally existent, glorious in nature, possessing the attributes of omnipotence, omniscience, and omnipresence; that He restrains the world, the flesh and the devil; that He witnesses to the Truth, convicts the lost, extolls the Christ, and testifies to the divine office, comforts, teaches, testifies, preaches, guides, regenerates, empowers, sanctifies, and anoints, thus exercising the quickening role in the works of saving the lost and the supervising role in the life of the saved.
- C. **THE DEVIL.** We believe that Satan is an actual person, and not an imaginary influence; that he once enjoyed high heavenly honors and glorious heavenly privileges; that he through pride, ambition, and self-will attempted to betray the Almighty and brought down upon his head the judgment of God; that he operates today as the god of this world and the prince and the power of the air; that he is a diabolical inventor. and arch-deceiver, and the father of all lies; that he is the greatest enemy, the mightiest tempter, and the most relentless accuser of the saints; that he shall one day be incarnated in the person of the Antichrist and in that role will finally meet the Christ in the Battle of Armageddon; that there "the seed of the woman shall bruise the serpent's head"; and that he shall eventually be cast into the lake of fire, the eternal place of punishment, prepared for the devil and his angels.

- D. THE HOLY BIBLE.** We believe that the Holy Bible is a supernatural Book; that it is the very Word of God; that it is the full, the final, and the complete revelation of God's will to man; that it has God, the Holy Spirit, for its author, salvation for its end, the truth in the original without any admixture of error for its matter; that it was written by holy men of old under the immediate and direct dictation of the Holy Spirit; that it is verbally inspired and a perfect treasure of holy instruction; and that it reveals the principles by which God will judge us, and is, therefore, the true center of Christian union, and the supreme standard by which all human conduct, creeds, and opinions shall be tried.
- E. CREATION.** We believe that the Genesis record of creation is literal, and not allegorical or figurative; that God personally created the heaven and the earth; that He miraculously brought forth all original matter out of nothing; that He actually fashioned changes within the specie; that He definitely ordained each specie to bring forth after its kind; that He finally formed man out of the dust of the ground, not by any process of evolution but by instant action, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life and man became immediately a living soul; that He created man in the image and likeness of God; that His every creative act was complete and perfect in itself; and that not one of His creations was conditioned upon antecedent changes naturally wrought during interminable periods of time.
- F. THE FALL OF MAN.** We believe that man, originally created in holiness and actually associated with God in innocence under His law, did by voluntary transgression of the Lords command, fall from the high and happy state in which he was created, and as a consequence, became a sinner alienated from God and brought upon himself and all mankind just condemnation; and that he is now, by virtue of his fallen nature, utterly void of holiness, positively inclined to evil, and actually condemned to eternal ruin, without defense or excuse.
- G. THE BLOOD ATONEMENT.** We believe that the lost sinner is guilty and already under just condemnation; that he is by nature alien to God and because of sin condemned to die; that atonement for sin was effected through the mediatorial office of the Son who by divine appointment, freely took upon Himself our nature, yet without sin; that He, through obedience during His earthly walk, personally honored the divine Law by keeping it, and, through His death on the cross, actually satisfied the penalty of the offended Law by suffering in the sinners stead; that He, through His obedience and sacrificial death, made full and vicarious atonement for all sin; that He died, the just for the unjust, bearing our sins in His body on the tree, and that He through the shedding of His blood on the cross of Calvary, evidenced eternal provision for cleansing, for pardon, for peace, and for rest.
- H. REPENTANCE AND FAITH.** We believe repentance and faith are solemn and inseparable prerequisites of salvation; that they are inseparable graces wrought in the heart by the quickening of the Holy Spirit; that the alien sinner, being deeply convicted of sin, of righteousness, and of judgement to come, by the personal ministry of the Holy Spirit, and by Him having his understanding enlightened so that he can see the way of salvation through Christ, does actually repent, turning to God with unfeigned contrition, confession, and supplication, and does actually believe, surrender himself whole heartedly to the Lord Jesus, immediately receiving Him as personal and all-sufficient Savior and openly confessing Him before all men.