



ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in the absolute authority and accuracy of the Bible, both Old and New Testaments; its verbal inspiration in the original manuscripts and its all-sufficiency as the Christian's rule of faith and practice (2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:19-21).
2. We believe that there is but one God, the Creator, Preserver and Ruler of all things, Who is perfect in holiness, and in love, infinite in wisdom and measureless in power, and Who reveals Himself to us as Father, Son and Holy Spirit (Deuteronomy 6:4; Nehemiah 9:6; 1 Chronicles 29:11, 12; Exodus 15:11; 1 John 4:8b; Matthew 28:19).
3. We believe that Jesus Christ is the eternal and only begotten Son of God, conceived of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary, and that He is true God and true man and is the only, and sufficient mediator between God and man (Matthew 1:20; Luke 1:45; John 1:1, 2, 14; 12:45; 14:9; 1 Timothy 2:5).
4. We believe that the Holy Spirit is the third Person of the Trinity, Whose ministry is to convict the world of sin and of righteousness and of judgment, to regenerate the unbelieving, and to seal, sanctify, teach, and comfort those who believe in Jesus Christ (John 16:8-11; 3:3, 7; Ephesians 1:13; John 14:26).
5. We believe that man was created in the image of God, and that he sinned and thereby incurred both physical and spiritual death; thus, we believe that all men by nature and by choice are sinners and apart from Christ shall be forever separated from God (Genesis 1:26; 2:17; Ezekiel 18:20a; Romans 6:23).
6. We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures as a representative and substitutionary sacrifice, that all who believe on Him are justified on the ground of His shed blood (1 Corinthians 15:3, 4; Revelation 1:5).
7. We believe that salvation is by grace through faith, not of works, and that all who receive by faith the Lord Jesus Christ are born again of the Holy Spirit, thereby becoming children of God (Ephesians 2:8, 9; John 3:3, 7; 1:12).
8. We believe in the resurrection of the crucified body of our Lord, in His ascension into heaven and in His present ministry there for us as High Priest and Advocate. We believe in the personal, visible, bodily return of the Lord Jesus Christ to set up His Kingdom upon the earth (1 Corinthians 15:4; Acts 1:8-11; Hebrews 4:14-16; 1 John 2:1, 2; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-17; Revelation 19:11-16; 20:1-15).



9. We believe in the bodily resurrection of the just and the unjust, the everlasting conscious blessedness of the saved, and the everlasting conscious punishment of the lost (1 Corinthians 15:20-24; Revelation 20:12-15; 2 Corinthians 5:8).
10. We believe in the Church, a living, spiritual Body of which Christ is the Head, and of which all regenerated people are members; and that the local, visible church is a company of believers in Jesus Christ, associated together for worship, work and fellowship (1 Corinthians 12:1-31; Matthew 16:16-18; Acts 2:42-47).
11. We believe in the observance of the ordinances of baptism and the Lord's Supper in obedience to the commands of Christ. We believe that baptism is the immersion of the believer in water in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, as a sign of his fellowship with the death and resurrection of Christ, of remission of sins, and of his giving himself up to God, to live and walk in newness of life. We believe that the Lord's Supper is an ordinance of Jesus Christ, to be administered with the elements of bread and the cup, and to be a commemoration of His death "till He come" (Acts 2:42, 46, 47; Ephesians 5:2; Matthew 28:19, 20; Acts 2:38; 8:36-39; Romans 6:3, 4; 1 Corinthians 11:23-29; Mark 16:15, 16).
12. We believe in the universal spiritual priesthood of believers; that is, all true believers are priests and have the privilege of approaching God through Christ and of interpreting the Scriptures through the Holy Spirit (1 Timothy 2:5; 1 John 2:27; Revelation 1:6).
13. We believe in the sovereignty of the local church, recognizing Christ as our sole Head and that each local church has the right to be independent and autonomous, and must be free from interference by an ecclesiastical or political authority (Acts 6:2, 3; 4:18-20; 2 Corinthians 8:19). We are opposed to and discourage membership in organizations and institutes which are opposed to the aforementioned Articles of Faith and biblical principles (2 John 10; 1 Corinthians 9).
14. We believe that the Holy Bible, both Old and New Testaments, dictate the principles by which we are to conduct our minds and actions. We assert that the articles and regulations of this Constitution are, believing them to be, valid if and only if they are in agreement with biblical principles. The regulations of this Constitution are to be carried out in the spirit of love as a result of Christ-centeredness (Deuteronomy 6:5; Proverbs 8:17; 1 John 4:7; 2 Timothy 2:22; 1 Corinthians 14:1; Hebrews 13:1; Romans 13:10).

I am in agreement with the Articles of Faith of Sayre Woods Bible Church.

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