



What We Believe

ARTICLE III

DOCTRINE

SECTION I We believe there is but one true (JUDE 3) and living God (I JOHN 5:20). He is eternal, of infinite power, wisdom and goodness, the creator of all things visible and invisible (GEN 1:1). In the unity of the Godhead there are three persons - The Father, The Son, and The Holy Spirit (MATT 28:19).

SECTION II We believe Jesus Christ to be the eternal Son of God, co-equal with God (HEB 1:1-3). Who became flesh (JOHN 1:14), being born of the Virgin Mary (LUKE 1:35). He died for our sins upon the Cross (I PETER 2:24), according to the Scriptures, as a representative and substitutionary sacrifice (II COR 5:21). All who believe in Him were justified on the ground of His shed blood, not of their own works (COL 1:14 & EPH 2:8).

SECTION III We believe the Holy Spirit to be co-equal with the Father and the Son (I JOHN 5:7). He is a Person. He came as the fulfillment of Christ's promise (JOHN 16:7). He saves sinners, creating a new man, uniting with Christ those justified by the blood of Christ (I JOHN 1:7). This experience is known as regeneration (II COR 5:17) or the "New Birth" and is the entering into the Kingdom of God (JOHN 3:3). The Holy Spirit indwells and works through every "born again" believer. He instructs (PSALM 32:8), teaches (JOHN 14:26), guides (JOHN 16:13), intercedes (ROM 8:26), sanctifies (ROM 15:16), and finally leaves the physical body with the soul and the spirit of man at death to indwell the spiritual body (PSALM 23:4 & II COR 5:1-8).

SECTION IV We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments as verbally inspired of God, inerrant in the original writings and they are our supreme and final authority in faith and life. (II TIM 3:15 & II PETER 1:21).

SECTION V We believe that man was created in the image of God (GEN 1:26-27). That He sinned (ROM 3:23) and thereby incurred, not only physical death (ROM 5:18), but also that spiritual death which is not annihilation (LUKE 16:23 & REV 21:8), but eternal separation from God (REV 20:11-15). We believe that all men who reach moral responsibility become sinners in thought, word and deed (ROM 3:9-20), and if they do not repent, are eternally lost (ROM 6:23).

SECTION VI We believe every man is born a creature of free will and given the power of choice (JOHN 1:1). He can either accept or reject God's offer of salvation (JOHN 3:36 & JOHN 5:24).

No person is qualified to be baptized until he has given testimony to his salvation through faith in Christ (ROM 10:9-10).

SECTION XIV We believe every true Christian will faithfully give of his income as God has prospered him for the spreading of the Gospel and that God's blessing in definitely and positively upon all who will give of their income (II COR 9:1-8). God owns all (COL 4:1-2). Our giving is not to be as unto men (HEB 6:14), but as an act of worship (I COR 16:1-3).