

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. THE BIBLE:

- A. We believe in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments as verbally inspired of God and inerrant in the original writings and that they are of supreme and final authority in faith and life. II Peter 1:21, II Timothy 3:16-17
- B. The ***ARTICLES OF FAITH*** do not exhaust the extent of our beliefs. The Bible itself, as the inspired and infallible Word of God that speaks with final authority concerning truth, morality, and the proper conduct of mankind, is the sole and final source of all that we believe. For purposes of Freedom Baptist Church's faith, doctrine, practice, policy, and discipline, our Pastoral Staff and Deacon Board are Freedom Baptist Church's final interpretive authority on the Bible's meaning and application.

2. GOD:

We believe in one God, eternally existing in three persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Genesis 1:1, John 10:30, Matthew 28:19, Acts 5: 3-4

3. JESUS:

- A. We believe that Jesus Christ was begotten by the Holy Spirit, was born of the virgin Mary and is true God and true man. Isaiah 7:14, Matthew 1:18-25, Colossians 2:9
- B. We believe in the bodily resurrection of the body of our Lord, His bodily ascension into heaven and His bodily presence there for us as High Priest and Advocate. I Corinthians 15:1-4, 16:20-25, Acts 1:9-11, Hebrews 7:25

4. MAN:

We believe that man was created in the image of God, that he sinned and thereby incurred not only physical death but also the spiritual death which is separation from God and that all human beings are born with a sinful nature and are now sinners by birth and by choice, positively inclined to evil and are therefore under just condemnation to eternal ruin without defense or excuse. Genesis 2:17; Romans 5:12-21; Psalm 51:5; Psalm 58:3; I Corinthians 2:14; Romans 1:20; Genesis 1:26-27

5. SALVATION:

- A. We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ died for our sins according to the scripture, as a representative and substitutionary sacrifice and that all who believe in Him are justified on the ground of His shed blood. I Corinthians 15:1-4, II Corinthians 5:21, I Peter 2:24, Romans 5:9, I Peter 1:18-19
- B. We believe that all who received by faith the Lord Jesus Christ are born again of the Holy Spirit and are thereby children of God and are eternally saved. John 3:3, Galatians 3:24-26, I John 5:13

6. FUTURE EVENTS:

- A. We believe in “the blessed hope”: the personal, bodily, pre-tribulation, pre-millennial and imminent return of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. II Thessalonians 2, John 14:1-3, Matthew 24:44
- B. We believe in the bodily resurrection of the dead, both of the just and the unjust, the eternal conscious punishment of the lost and the eternal joy of the saved. Revelation 20:1-10; I Thessalonians 4:16-18

7. SATAN:

We believe that Satan is literal and personal, the agent of the fall, the prince and power of this world and that he shall be judged and eternally punished. Revelation 20:1-10, Ephesians 2:1-4

8. THE CHURCH:

- A. We believe that a New Testament Church is a body of baptized believers, assembled for worship, service and the spread of the Gospel in all the world. Acts 2, Acts 1:8, Matthew 28:19-20
- B. We believe that immersion is the only form of baptism revealed and commanded in the Scriptures; that it has “no” saving power but it is only for those who are already saved; and that the new birth, which comes through repentance and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, is the scriptural prerequisite to baptism; therefore, only those who are old enough to believe for themselves should be baptized. Acts 2:38, Romans 6:3-5

C. We believe that the Lord's Supper is a memorial of the death of Christ and that only those who have been saved through faith in His atoning blood and are walking in obedient fellowship with Him ought to partake of it. We do not believe in closed communion. I Corinthians 11:23-32

D. We believe that the Bible teaches that the following offices of church should be held by men only:

1. Pastor
2. Deacons
3. Treasurer
4. Sunday School Superintendent

E. We believe that all the saved are called into a life of separation from all worldly and sinful practices. Romans 12:1-2, James 4:4, I John 2:15-17

9. SANCTITY OF LIFE:

We believe that all human life is sacred and created by God in His image. Human life is of inestimable worth in all its dimensions, including pre-born babies, the aged, the physically or mentally challenged, and every other stage or condition from conception through natural death. We are therefore called to defend, protect, and value all human life. Psalm 51:5, Psalm 139, Jeremiah 1:5, Genesis 1:26

10. MARRIAGE:

Because God has ordained marriage and defined it as the covenant relationship between a man, a woman, and Himself, Freedom Baptist Church will only recognize marriages between a biological man and a biological woman. Further, the pastors and staff of Freedom Baptist Church shall only participate in weddings and solemnize marriages between one biological man and one biological woman. Finally, the facilities and property of Freedom Baptist Church shall only host weddings between one biological man and one biological woman. Genesis 2: 20-25, Romans 7:2, 1 Corinthians 7:10, Ephesians 5: 22-33