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Articles of Faith

There are 21 Articles of Faith, and they are:

1) The Scripture. 2) The True GOD. 3) The Fall of man. 4) GOD'S Purpose of Grace. 5) The Way of Salvation. 6) The Way of Regeneration. 7) The Way of Repentance. 8) The Way of Faith. 9) The Way of Justification. 10) The Way of Adoption. 11) The Way of Sanctification. 12) The Perseverance of Saints. 13) The Law and the Gospel. 14) A Gospel Church. 15) Christian Baptism. 16) The LORD'S Supper. 17) The Christian Sabbath. 18) Civil Government. 19) Righteous and Wicked. 20) The World to come. 21) Covenant

Last time we study the first three Articles of faith, which was, The Scripture, The True GOD, and The Fall of man.

Now, let us, look at the next three Articles of faith.

IV. GOD'S PURPOSE OF GRACE

We as Christian believes the Scriptures teach that election is the eternal purpose of GOD, according to which HE (GOD) graciously regenerates, sanctifies and saves sinners; that being perfectly consistent with the free agency of man, it comprehends all the means in connection with the end; that it is a most glorious display of GOD'S sovereign goodness, being infinitely free, wise, holy and unchangeable; that it utterly excludes boasting, and promotes humility, love, prayer, praise, trust in GOD, and active imitation of HIS (GOD'S) free mercy; that it encourages the use of means in the highest degree; that it may be ascertained by its effects in all who truly believe the Gospel; that it is the foundation of Christian assurance; and that to ascertain it with regard to ourselves demands and deserves the utmost diligence.

So, therefore, we are to be partakers of the afflictions of the Gospel, according to the power of GOD (2 Timothy 1:8-9; Romans 1:16; Hebrews 3:1).

We as believers, are also, bound to give thanks always to GOD for you, brethren beloved of the LORD Jesus Christ (2 Thessalonians 2:13; 2 Thessalonians 1:3), why, do we give thanks (2 Thessalonians 2:14; 1 Peter 5:10).

Therefore, we are to endure all things for the elects' sake, that they also may obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory (2 Timothy 2:10; 1 Corinthians 9:22; Romans 8:28-30), doing so, we as believers will know our election of GOD (1 Thessalonians 1:4, Colossians 3:12; Galatians 5:22).

Now, do know whom GOD predestine, them GOD also called, and whom GOD called, them GOD also justified, and whom GOD justified, them GOD also glorified (Romans 8:30; Isaiah 42:16; Romans 11:29).

V. THE WAY OF SALVATION

Now, we also, as believers, believe the Scriptures teach that the salvation of sinners is wholly of grace; through the mediatorial offices of the Son of GOD; who according to the will of the Father, assumed our nature, yet without sin; honored the divine law by HIS (Jesus Christ) personal obedience, and by HIS (Jesus Christ) death made a full atonement for our sins; that having risen from the dead, HE (Jesus Christ) is now enthroned in heaven; and uniting in HIS (Jesus Christ) wonderful person the tenderest sympathies with divine perfection, He (Jesus Christ) is every way qualified to be a suitable, a compassionate and a all-sufficient Savior.

It is not by ourselves that we are saved, but by grace (Ephesians 2:5; Matthew 18:11; 1 John 4:10; Acts 15:11).

We believe the Scriptures teach that GOD so loved the world that He gave HIS only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in HIM should not perish, but have everlasting life (John 3:16). Also, read (John 1:1-4; Hebrews 4:14; Hebrews 12:24).

Wherefore HE (Jesus Christ) is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto GOD by HIM (Jesus Christ), seeing HE (Jesus Christ) ever liveth to make intercession for them (Hebrews 7:25; Romans 8:34; 1 Timothy 2:5).

For in HIM (Jesus Christ) dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily (Colossians 2:9; John 1:14; John 1:16; Colossians 1:19).

VI. THE WAY OF REGENERATION

We, believers, also, believe the Scriptures teach that regeneration, or the new birth, is that change wrought in the soul by the Holy Spirit by which a new nature and a spiritual life, not before possessed, are imparted, and the person becomes a new creation in Christ Jesus; a holy disposition is given to the mind, the will subdued, the dominion of sin broken, and the affections changed from a love of sin and self, to a love of holiness and GOD; the change is instantaneous, effected solely by the power of GOD, in a manner incomprehensible to reason; the evidence of it is found in a changed disposition of mind, the fruits of righteousness, and a newness of life. And without it salvation is impossible.

Verily, verily, I say unto you, except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of GOD (John 3:3); That which is born of the flesh is flesh (John 3:6); Born again, not of corruptible seed (1 Peter 1:23); whosoever is born of GOD doth not commit sin (1 John 3:9).

If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature (Read 2 Corinthians 5:17; Romans 8:9; Galatians 5:6).

Now, we have had our time of living in the flesh, but thanks be to GOD for washing, and sanctifying us (Read 1 Corinthians 6:11; 1 Corinthians 12:2; Hebrews 10:22).