

Magnolia Missionary Baptist Church of Beaumont
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Articles of Faith

There are 21 Articles of Faith, and they are:

- 1) The Scriptures. 2) The True GOD. 3) The Fall of Man. 4) GOD'S Purposes of Grace. 5) The way of Salvation. 6) The way 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

Let's take a look at the first Three Articles of Faith:

The Scriptures.

Now, we Christians believe that the Holy Bible was written by men divinely inspired by the Holy Spirit, and is a perfect treasure of heavenly instruction; that it has GOD for its author, salvation for its end, and truth without any mixture of error for its matter; that it reveals the principles by which GOD will Judge us; and therefore is, and shall remain to the end of the World, the true Centre of Christian union, and the supreme standard by which all human conduct, creeds, and opinions should be tried.

All Scripture is given by inspiration of GOD, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness; that the man of GOD may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works (2 Timothy 3:16-17). Also read (2 Peter 1:21; 2 Samuel 23:2; Acts 1:16; Acts 3:21; John 10:35; Luke 16:29-31; Psalm 119:3; Romans 3:1-2).

Every Word of GOD is pure. Add thou not unto HIS words, lest he reprove thee, and thou be found a liar (Proverbs 30:5-6). Also read (John 17:17; Romans 3:4; Revelation 22:18-19).

As many as have sinned in the law, shall be judged by the law (Romans 2:12).

If any man hears my words, the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day (John 12:47-48; 1 Corinthians 4:3-4; Luke 10:10-16; Luke 12:7-48).

The True GOD.

We believe the scriptures teach that there is one, and only one, living and true GOD, an infinite, intelligent Spirit, whose name is JEHOVAH, the Maker and Supreme Ruler of Heaven and earth; inexpressibly glorious in holiness, and worthy of all possible honor,

confidence and love, that in the unity of the GODHEAD there are three persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost; equal in every divine perfection, and executing distinct but harmonious offices in the great work of redemption.

GOD is a Spirit (John 4:24), HIS understanding is infinite (Psalm 147:5), Thou whose name alone is Jehovah, art the most High over all the earth (Psalm 83:18; Hebrew 3:4; Romans 1:20; Jeremiah 10:10).

Who is like unto Thee, glorious in holiness (Exodus 15:11; Isaiah 6:3; 1 Peter 1:15-16; Revelation 4:6-8).

So, therefore, we are to obey The Great Commandment of GOD (Mark 12: 30-31).

The LORD is worthy to receive glory, honor, and power (Revelation 4:11; Matthew 10:37; Jeremiah 2:12-13).

The Fall of Man

We believe that the Scripture teach that Man was created in holiness, under the law of his Maker, but by voluntary transgression. Fell from that holy and happy state; in consequence of which all mankind are now sinners, not by constraint but choice; being by nature utterly void of that holiness required by the law of GOD, positively inclined to evil; and therefore, under just condemnation to eternal ruin, without defense or excuse.

GOD created man in HIS own image (Genesis 1:27).

God saw everything that HE had made, and said that it was very good (Genesis 1:31; Ecclesiastes 7:29; Acts 17:26; Genesis 2:16).

And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat; and gave also unto her husband with her, and he did eat (Genesis 3:6-24; Romans 5:12).

Because of one man's disobedience many were made sinners (Romans 5:15-19; John 3:6; Psalm 51:5; Romans 8:7).

We turned, every one to his own way (Isaiah 53:6; Genesis 6:12; Romans 3:9-18).

We have all had our conversation in times past in the lust of our flesh (Ephesians 2:3; Romans 1:18; Romans 1:32; Romans 2:1-16; Galatians 3:10; Matthew 20:15).

Now the soul that sinneth is sure to die (Ezekiel 18:19-20) and so they are without excuse (Romans 1:20). That every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before GOD (Romans 3:19; Galatians 3:22).