

Magnolia Missionary Baptist Church of Beaumont
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Wednesday Night Bible Study
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Articles of Faith (Part Three)

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

Our last study on the Articles of Faith was, GOD's Purpose of Grace, the way of salvation, the way of Regeneration. Now, let us study the next three Articles of Faith:

VII. THE WAY OF REPENTANCE

We believe the scriptures teach that repentance is a personal act, prompted by the Spirit; and consists in godly sorrow for sin, as offensive to GOD and ruinous to the soul; that it is accompanied with great humiliation in view of one's sin and guilt, together, with prayer for pardon; also by sincere hatred of sin, and a persistent turning away from, and abandonment of, all that is evil and unholy. Since none are sinless in this life, repentance needs to be often repeated.

In those days came John the Baptist preaching in the wilderness of Judea, repent (Matthew 3: 1-2; Mark 1: 4; Luke 3: 2-3).

From that time JESUS CHRIST began to preach repentance (Matthew 4: 17; Mark 1: 14-15; Matthew 10: 7).

Repent and be converted (Acts 3: 19; Acts 2: 38).

The LORD in the time of ignorance has commanded that all men everywhere are to repent (Acts 17: 30; Romans 3: 25; Luke 24: 47).

GODLY sorrow worketh repentance (2 Corinthians 7: 10; Matthew 26: 75; Proverbs 17: 22)

Now, let the wicked forsake his or her ways (Isaiah 55: 7; Isaiah 1: 16; Zechariah 8: 17; Psalm 130: 7)

VIII. THE WAY OF FAITH

We believe the scriptures teach that faith, as an evangelical grace wrought by the Spirit, is the medium through which JESUS CHRIST is received by the soul as its sacrifice and Savior. It is an assent of the mind and a consent of the heart, consisting of *belief* and trust; the testimony of GOD is implicitly accepted and believed as true, while JESUS CHRIST is unreservedly trusted for salvation, by it the believer is brought into vital relations with GOD, and lives as seeing HIM who is invisible. Faith cannot save; but it reveals JESUS

CHRIST to the soul as a willing and sufficient Savior and commits the heart and life to HIM.

Believers are to believe on the name of JESUS CHRIST (Acts 16: 31; John 3: 16, 36; John 6: 47; 1 John 5: 10).

Knowing that we have peace with GOD through justified faith (Romans 5: 1; Isaiah 32: 17; John 16: 33; Ephesians 2: 14).

The scripture says that Abraham believed GOD and was accounted righteousness (James 2: 23; Genesis 15: 6; Romans 4: 3; Galatians 3: 6).

As believers we are to walk in faith and not by what we see (2 Corinthians 5: 7; Romans 8: 24; Hebrews 11: 1; 2 Corinthians 4: 18).

Now, with the heart man believes unto righteousness and confess with their mouth (Romans 10: 10; Romans 10: 9; Matthew 10: 32; Luke 12: 8; Acts 8: 37).

IX. THE WAY OF JUSTIFICATION

We believe the scriptures teach that the great Gospel in which JESUS CHRIST secures to such as believe in HIM is justification; that justification includes the pardon of sin, and the promise of eternal life on principles of righteousness; that it is bestowed, not in consideration of any works of righteousness which we have done, but solely through faith in the Redeemer's blood; by virtue of which faith HIS perfect righteousness is freely imputed to us of GOD; that it brings us into a state of most blessed peace and favor with GOD, and secures every other blessing needful for time and eternity.

Knowing, that it is in the fullness of JESUS CHRIST we have received (John 1: 16; Colossians 1: 19; Ephesians 3: 8).

Through JESUS CHRIST all believers are justified from all things (Acts 13; 39; Isaiah 3: 11-12; Romans 8: 1).

We as believers are justified by JESUS CHRIST'S shed blood (Romans 5: 9; Zechariah 13: 1; Matthew 9: 6; Acts 10: 43).

Now, being justified by faith, we have peace with GOD, through JESUS CHRIST (Romans 5: 1-2; Ephesians 2: 14; John 16: 33).