

**Magnolia Missionary Baptist Church of Beaumont**  
**Pastor: Pastor Dwight Benoit**  
**Wednesday Night Bible Study**  
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### Articles of Faith (Part Four)

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, The way of Repentance, the way of Faith, the way of Justification. Now, let us study the next three Articles of Faith:

#### **X. THE WAY OF ADOPTION**

We believe the Scriptures teach that adoption is a gracious act, by which the FATHER, for the sake of JESUS CHRIST, accepts believers to the estate and condition of children by a new spiritual birth; sending the Spirit of adoption into their hearts, whereby they become members of the family of GOD, and entitled to all the rights, privileges and promises of children; and if children, then heirs of GOD, and joint-heirs with JESUS CHRIST, to the heritage of the saints on earth, and an inheritance reserved in heaven for them.

(Romans 8: 14; Galatians 5: 18; Romans 8: 15; 1 Corinthians 2: 12)

The Spirit beareth witness with our spirit (Romans 8: 16; Ephesians 1: 13)

Having faith in JESUS CHRIST, we are children of GOD (Galatians 3: 26; John 1: 12)

Because we are sons, GOD send forth the Spirit of HIS SON into our hearts (Galatians 4: 6; Romans 5: 5)

We are now no more a servant, but a son, and if a son, then heirs of GOD (Galatians 4: 7)

GOD has foreordained us unto the adoption of children by JESUS CHRIST (Ephesians 1: 5; Romans 8: 29)

What manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us (1 John 3: 1; John 16: 3)

#### **XI. THE WAY OF SANCTIFICATION**

We believe the Scriptures teach that Sanctification is the process by which, according to the will of GOD, we are made partakers of HIS holiness; that it is a progressive work; that it is

**begun in regeneration; that it is carried on in the hearts of believers by the presence and power of the Holy Spirit, the Sealer and Comforter, in the continual use of the appointed means-especially the Word of GOD, self-examination, self-denial, watchfulness, and prayer; and in the practice of all godly exercises and duties.**

**The will of GOD, and our sanctification (1 Thessalonians 4: 3; Romans 12: 2; Ephesians 5: 27),**

**The GOD of peace sanctify you wholly ( 1 Thessalonians 5: 23; Philippians 4: 9)**

**Knowing that the path of the just is as the shining light (Proverbs 4: 18; Matthew 5: 14, 45; Philippians 2: 15)**

**We are to work out our own salvation with fear and trembling (Philippians 2: 12; Ephesians 6: 5), because GOD worketh in us both to will and to do of HIS good pleasure (Philippians 2: 13; 2 Corinthians 3: 5)**

## **XII. THE PERSEVERANCE OF SAINTS**

**We believe the Scriptures teach that such as are truly regenerate, being born of the Spirit, will not utterly fall away and finally perish, but will endure unto the end; that their persevering attachment to JESUS CHRIST is the grand mark which distinguishes them from superficial professors; that a special Providence watches over their welfare; and they are kept by the power of GOD through faith unto salvation.**

**Knowing the Father's will who sent JESUS CHRIST, that all who JESUS CHRIST has received from the Father JESUS CHRIST should lose nothing (John 6: 39; John 10: 28; John 17: 12; John 18: 9)**

**If we continue in the words of JESUS CHRIST, we are HIS disciples (John 8: 31; 1 John 2: 27)**

**Know that there are some that went out from us, because they were not of us, if they had been with us, they would have continue with us (1 John 2: 19; John 6: 66-69)**

**We know that all things work together for good unto them that love GOD (Romans 8: 28; Matthew 6: 30-33; 2 Timothy 1: 9)**

**GOD the Father who have begun a good work in us will perform it until JESUS CHRIST return (Philippians 1: 6; John 6: 29; 1 John 3: 23)**