

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

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 Adoption, The way of Sanctification, The Perseverance of Saints. Now, let us study the next three Articles of Faith:

XIII. THE Law and the Gospel

We believe the scriptures teach that the Law of GOD is the eternal and unchangeable rule of HIS moral government; that it is holy, just, and good; and that the inability which the Scriptures ascribe to fallen men to fulfill its precepts arises entirely from their sinful nature; to deliver them from which, and to restore them through a Mediator to unfeigned obedience to the holy Law, is one great end of the Gospel, and of the Means of Grace connected with the establishment of the visible Church.

So do we make void the Law (Romans 3: 31; Matthew 5: 17; Luke 16: 17; Romans 3: 20).

We know that the Law is holy, and they that are in the flesh can not please GOD (Romans 8: 7-8).

For the Law of the Spirit of Life in Christ Jesus hath made us free from the law of sin and death (Romans 8: 2-4; Romans 10: 4; 1 Timothy 1: 5; Hebrews 8: 10).

XIV. A Gospel Church

We believe the scriptures teach that a visible Church of Christ is a congregation of baptized believers, associated by covenant in the faith and fellowship of the Gospel; observing the ordinances of Christ; governed by HIS laws; and exercising the gifts, rights, and privileges invested in them by HIS word; that its only scriptural officers are bishop or pastors, and deacons, whose qualifications, claims, and duties are defined in the Epistles to Timothy and Titus.

Then they gladly received HIS word and were baptized (Acts 2: 41; 1 Corinthians 4; 17).

They gave themselves to the LORD, and then unto us by the will of GOD (2 Corinthians 8: 5; Acts 2: 27).

Now, we are to keep the ordinances that have been delivered unto us (1 Corinthians 11: 2; Romans 16: 17-20).

Now, we are to teach them to observe all things Jesus commanded (Matthew 28: 20; John 14: 15; John 15: 10; 1 John 4: 20-21).

With the bishops and deacons (Philippians 1: 1; Acts 14: 23).

XV. Christian Baptism

We believe the Scriptures teach that Christian Baptism is the immersion in water of a believer in Christ, into the name of the Father, and Son, and Holy Ghost; to show forth, in a solemn and beautiful emblem, our faith in the crucified, buried, and risen Savior, with its effect, in our death to sin and resurrection to a new life; that it is prerequisite to the privileges of a Church relation, and to the LORD'S Supper.

And the eunuch said, here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized (Acts 8: 36-39; Acts 8: 12; Mark 16: 16; Acts 2: 38)?

As GOD'S appointed and called disciples, we are to baptize in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost (Matthew 28: 19; Acts 10: 47-48; Galatians 3: 27-28)

Therefore we are buried with Jesus Christ by baptism into death; that like as Jesus Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we should walk in newness of life (Romans 6: 4; Colossians 2: 12; 1 Peter 3: 20-21; Acts 22: 16).