

Onecho Bible Church: Articles of Faith Agreement

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1. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the infallible Word of God, a divine revelation, the original autographs of which were verbally inspired by the Holy Spirit, and that they are the supreme and final authority of faith and conduct. II Timothy 3:16, 17; II Peter 1:21. We herewith reaffirm our belief that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are inerrant in the original manuscripts. By this we mean that the Scriptures are free from error in all that they affirm whether in matters of theology, history or science. Matthew 5:18; II Timothy 3:16.

2. We believe in one God, eternally existing in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Matthew 3:16, 17; Matthew 28:19, 20; II Corinthians 13:14.

3. We believe that Jesus Christ was begotten by the Holy Spirit, born of a virgin, and is truly God and truly man. Genesis 3:15; Matthew 1:18; Philippians 2:5-8.

4. We believe in the resurrection of the crucified body of our Lord; in His ascension into heaven in that body glorified; in His present life there for us as High Priest; in that "blessed hope": the personal, pre-millennial, and imminent return of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ for the Church; and in His "glorious appearing" with the church to set up His earthly kingdom. John 20:20; Acts 1:9-11; Hebrews 4:14-16; I Thessalonians 4:13-18; Acts 15:16.

5. We believe that the Holy Spirit is a Person; co-equal with God in all of His attributes; and is sent by the Lord Jesus Christ from the Father to convict the world of sin, to regenerate, indwell, guide, and teach the believer, and to empower him to live in victory over sin. John 15:26; John 16:7, 8, 13. We further affirm our belief that every believer is baptized by the Holy Spirit at the moment he receives Christ, and that neither speaking in tongues nor any other spiritual gift or manifestation is the sign of such baptism. I Corinthians 12:13. We believe that the Holy Spirit is sovereign in the bestowal of all His gifts and that the sign gifts (tongues, miracles, healing) were primarily given to establish the authority of the apostles and validate their witness. We believe that as the New Testament Scriptures were completed and their authority became established these sign gifts gradually waned. Ephesians 2:20-22; Hebrews 2:2-4.

6. We believe that "God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them." This means He created (and thus established) two distinct, complementary genders together to reflect the image and nature of God (Genesis 1:26-28). Rejection of one's biological sex is a rejection of the image of God within that person. While man was created in God's image, in the sin of the first Adam the whole Human race fell and apart from Christ is spiritually dead and lost (Genesis 3; Romans 5:12; Romans 1:16-32, 3:23).

7. We believe that Jesus Christ died a substitutionary death upon the cross by grace providing salvation for all who believe on Him, justifying them on the ground of His shed blood. Ephesians 1:7; Ephesians 2:8; I Peter 2:24.

8. We believe that all who by repentance and faith receive the Lord Jesus Christ as their personal Savior become the children of God; that eternal life is a present possession; that at death their spirits depart to be with Christ in conscious blessedness; and that at Christ's coming for the Church their bodies shall be raised, and - together with the believers then living on earth - transformed into the likeness of the body of His glory. John 1:12, 13; John 5:24; I Corinthians 15:51-58.

9. We believe that all those who persistently reject Jesus Christ in the present life will, after the thousand years, be raised from the dead and will throughout eternity exist in a state of conscious and endless torment. Revelation 20: 11-15. We believe that the Church consists of all those who, in this dispensation, truly believe on Jesus Christ: that it is the body and bride of Christ; and that its mission is to witness for Christ among all nations. Acts 15:14; Acts 1:8.

10. We believe that the church has been given two ordinances, baptism and the Lord's Supper. Baptism is an outward ceremony that symbolizes the inward truth of new life in Christ. The Lord's Supper is a memorial, a symbolic event which pictures the substitutionary sacrifice of the Lord Jesus Christ.

11. We believe in the reality and the personality of Satan, a subtle being who ultimately will be cast into the Lake of Fire. Revelation 20:10.

I agree without reservation to teach and support the Articles of Faith of Onecho Bible Church.

Signature _____

Printed Name _____

Date _____