

Western Plains Christian Convention Inc.

Articles of Faith

Each member of the Committee believes: -

1. in the Divine inspiration, authority and sufficiency of the Bible in all matters of faith and practice.
2. in the unity of the Godhead with the distinction of three persons in that unity, namely the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit to whom equal honour is due.
3. that the Triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit is the creator and sustainer of all things by his powerful word, creating Adam and Eve as the first human beings, in his own image, without sin and in perfect relationship with himself, equal as persons yet distinctly complementary as male and female.
4. that from creation God has ordained marriage to be a covenantal, sexual, procreative, lifelong union of one man and one woman as husband and wife which is meant to signify the covenant love between Christ and his bride, all true believers.
5. that the Son of God truly became man, being begotten of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary; that, being without sin, his death was a perfect sacrifice to God and a propitiation for the remission of sins as our substitute, bearing the wrath of God for his people; that he was raised from the dead; that he ascended to the right hand of God where he is seated with all authority in heaven and on earth and is now the all sufficient High Priest of his people, always living to intercede for them; that he will come again to receive his people unto himself and to set up his kingdom.
6. that as a consequence of the fall of Adam all mankind became subject to the wrath of God and under the penalty of death; that all mankind is now without strength to do the will of God until regenerated by the Holy Spirit and savingly joined to Christ, for without faith it is impossible to please God.
7. that the work of the Holy Spirit is to convict of righteousness, sin and judgement; to open the eyes of the blind to reveal the glory of Christ, drawing them irresistibly to him; to bring new birth and indwell the believer; to set his seal and guarantee on the believer, transforming them into Christ-likeness; to give various gifts to his people for their strengthening individually and corporately to persevere to the end.
8. that the justification of the sinner before God is by grace alone, in Christ alone, through faith alone; that every justified person is born of God and such new birth results in and is made evident by holiness of life and good works.
9. that at death the spirit of man does not cease to exist or become unconscious. Although a mystery, God has revealed that, for the believer, to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord; that the dead will be raised to life or to condemnation being judged by the man, Jesus Christ, whom God has appointed and that the blessedness of the righteous and the punishment of the unrighteous will be alike- eternal.

1. Ps 19.7-11; 2Tim 3.15-17; 1Pet 1.10-12; 2Pet 1.20-21;

2. Deut 6.4; Gen 1.1,2, 26; John 1.1,2, 5.17-23, 14.25-26, 16.7,27-28; Phil 2:6; Heb 1.1-3, 8

3. Gen 1. 26 -28; Ps 24.1,2, 90.2, 102.25; John 1.3; Col 1.10; Heb.1.3,10, 11.3

4. Gen 1.27,28, 2.22-24; Matt 19.4-6; Mark 10.6-9; Eph 5. 31,32

5. Dan 2.44,45, 7.13,14; Is 9.6,7; Matt 1.20-25, 28.5-8; Mark 16.19,20; Luke 1.35, 11.32,33, 24.50,51, John 1.1, 14.3;

Acts 1.9; Rom 4.25, 8.3; 1Cor 15.3-8,20; 2Cor 5.21; Gal 4.4; Eph 4.8-10; 1 Thess 4.13-18; Heb 4.14-16, 7.25,

9.24-28, 10.12-14

6. Ps 51.5, 53.2,3; Matt 11.27; Luke 19.10; Rom 3.19,23, 5.6, 12-19, 8.5-8; 1 Cor 15,22,23; Eph 2.1-3; Heb 11.6

7. John 3.5-8, 16.8-15; Rom 8.9-11,15-27; 1Cor 2.6-16, 12.11-13; 2Cor 3.18; Gal 3.27; Titus 3.4-7; 2Thess 2.13,14; 1Pet 1.2

8. John 1.12,13; Rom 3.21-26, 4.4,5, 5.1; Gal 2.16; Eph 2.8-10, 4.24; Titus 3.4-8; James 1.18; 1Peter 1.23

9. Ecc 3.11, 12.7; Dan 12.2; Matt 25.46; Luke 16.19-31; John 5.28,29; Acts 17.31; Rom 14.9,10; 1Cor 15.51-57; 2Cor 5.6-10; Phil 1.23; Rev 20.11-15