

*Evergreen
Baptist
Church*

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DOCTRINAL STATEMENT OF FAITH

With Scripture reference

ARTICLE I THE SCRIPTURES

We believe in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments as verbally inspired of God, and inerrant in the original writing; and we believe they are of supreme and final authority in faith and practice.

([II Tim 3:16-17](#); [II Pet 1:19-21](#); [John 20:31](#); and [I Cor 2:13](#).)

ARTICLE II THE GODHEAD

We believe that the Godhead eternally exists in three persons - The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit - and that these are ONE God; having precisely the same nature, attributes and perfection.

([Matt 28:18-19](#); [Mark 12:29](#))

A. GOD, THE FATHER

We believe in God, the Father, perfect in holiness, infinite in wisdom, measureless in power. We rejoice that He concerns Himself mercifully in the affairs of men, that He hears and answers prayer, and that He saves from sin and death all who come to Him through Jesus Christ.

([John 14:6](#); [I Cor 1:3](#))

B. GOD, THE SON

We believe in God, the Son, the deity, humanity and virgin birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

([I Tim 3:16](#); [1 Tim 2:5](#); [John 1:1](#); [Matt 1:23](#); [Isa 7:14](#); [Isa 9:6,7](#).)

We believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the ONLY Lord and Savior of mankind.

([John 14:6](#); [Acts 4:12](#); [Gal 2:20](#).)

We believe that faith in His shed blood is the ONLY means of salvation from sin.

([Heb 9:22](#); [John 3:14-17](#); [John 19:16-24](#); [John 19:28-30](#).)

We believe that "Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures."

([I Cor 15:3-4](#); [John 20:1](#), [John 20:14-18](#))

We believe that He is seated at the right hand of God, the Father.

([Heb 10:11](#); [Rom 8:34](#).)

C. GOD, THE HOLY SPIRIT

We believe in God, the Holy Spirit, that He is the third person of the Trinity, co-equal with God, the Father, and God, the Son.

([John 14:26](#); [John 15:26](#).)

We believe that He convicts of sin, of righteousness and of judgment.

([John 16:7-11](#).)

We believe that He is the agent of the New Birth and that He seals, indwells, empowers, guides, teaches, witnesses to, sanctifies, comforts, and abides with the believer forever.

([John 14:16-17](#); [Matt 28:19](#); [Heb 9:14](#); [John 14:26](#); [Eph 1:13-14](#); [Rom 8:14-16](#), [Romans 8:26-27](#).)

ARTICLE III MAN CREATED AND FALLEN

We believe that man was created in the image of God, after His likeness, as stated in the Word of God, but the whole human race fell in the first fall of the first man, Adam. As a consequence, man lost his spiritual life, became dead in trespasses and sins, and subject to the power of the Devil. This depravity was transmitted to the entire human race, the Man, Christ Jesus, alone being excepted; and hence every child is born into the world with a nature which not only possesses no spark of divine life, but is essentially and unchangeably bad apart from divine grace.

([Gen 1:26](#); [John 3:5-8](#); [Rom 3:10-19](#); [Eph 2:1-3](#); [I Tim 5:6](#).)

ARTICLE IV SATAN

We believe in the reality and personality of Satan, the progenitor of evil, the deceiver of the world, the Christian's adversary, whose doom is sealed through Christ's victory.

([I Pet 5:8-9](#); [Isa 14:12-17](#); [Matt 4:2-11](#); [Rev 20:1-15](#).)

ARTICLE V THE EXTENT OF SALVATION

A. THE NEW BIRTH

We believe that the new birth of the believer comes only through faith in Christ, and that repentance is a part of the believing, and is in no way, in itself, a separate and independent condition of salvation; nor are there any other acts such as confession, baptism, or service, to be added to believing as a condition of salvation.

([John 1:12](#); [John 3:16](#); [Acts 16:31](#); [Rom 1:16-17](#); [Gal 3:22](#).)

B. SALVATION COMPLETE

We believe that when an unregenerate person exercises faith in Christ, he passes immediately out of spiritual death into spiritual life. We believe that a person may grow in the realization of his blessings in Christ; however, he is, as soon as he is saved, in possession of every spiritual blessing and complete in Christ, and is, therefore, in no way required by God to seek a so-called "second blessing," or a "second work of grace."

([John 5:24](#); [John 17:23](#); [Acts 13:39](#); [Rom 5:1](#); [I Cor 3:21-23](#); [Eph 1:3](#).)

C. ETERNAL SECURITY

We believe that, because of the very nature of God and the nature of the divine gift of eternal life, we and all true believers everywhere, once saved, shall be kept saved forever. He who cannot fail will in the end present every believer faultless before the presence of His glory and conformed to the image of His Son.

([John 5:24](#); [John 10:28](#); [John 14:16](#); [Rom 8:29](#); [Heb 7:25](#); [Jude 1:24](#).)

ARTICLE VI THE CHURCH, A UNITY OF BELIEVERS

We believe that all who are united to the risen and ascended Son of God are members of the church which is the body and bride of Christ, which began at Pentecost and is completely distinct from Israel. We believe that by the same Holy Spirit, all believers in this age are baptized into, and thus become, whether Jews or Gentiles, one body that is Christ's.

([Matt 16:16-18](#); [Acts 2:42-47](#); [Rom 12:5](#); [Eph 1:20-24](#); [I Cor 12:12-27](#).)

ARTICLE VII THE ORDINANCES

We believe that water baptism by immersion and the Lord's Supper are the only ordinances of the church, and that they are a Scriptural means of testimony for the Church in this age, and acts of obedience to the Lord's command. Baptism is not essential to salvation, but is a testimony of our identification with Christ in His death, burial and resurrection. The Lord's Supper is in remembrance of Him until He comes.

([Matt 28:19](#); [Acts 10:47-48](#); [I Cor 11:26](#); [Gal 3:27](#); [I Cor 10:16](#).)

ARTICLE VIII THE CHRISTIAN'S WALK AND SERVICE

We believe that we have a holy calling to walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit, and so to live in the power of the indwelling Spirit. We believe that divine, enabling gifts for service are bestowed by the Spirit upon all who are saved.

([Rom 6:11-13](#); [Gal 5:16-23](#); [Col 2:1-10](#); [Rom 12:6](#); [I Cor 12:4-11](#); [Eph 4:11](#).)

ARTICLE IX THE GREAT COMMISSION

We believe that is the explicit message of our Lord Jesus Christ to those whom He has saved that they are sent forth by Him into the world and are related to the world as strangers and pilgrims, ambassadors and witnesses, and that their primary purpose in life should be to make Christ known to the whole world.

([Matt 28:18-19](#); [Acts 1:8](#); [I Pet 1:17](#).)

ARTICLE X THE BLESSED HOPE (PRETRIBULATION RAPTURE)

We believe that, according to the Word of God, the next great event in the fulfillment of prophecy will be the coming of the Lord in the air to receive to Himself His own, and for this event, we should be looking constantly.

([John 14:1-3](#); [I Cor 15:51-52](#); [I Thess 4:13-18](#); [Titus 2:13](#).)

ARTICLE XI THE TRIBULATION

We believe that, after the translation of the church, the fulfillment of Israel's seventieth week will take place. This will be a time of judgment for the whole earth, during which time the body of Christ will be in heaven.

([Dan 9:27](#).)

ARTICLE XII THE SECOND COMING OF CHRIST (PREMILLENNIAL RETURN)

We believe that the period of great tribulation in the earth will be climaxed by the bodily return of the Lord Jesus Christ to the earth to introduce the Millennial Age. He is to bind Satan, lift the earth's curse, and restore Israel to her own land.

([Deut 30:1-10](#); [Ezek 37:21-28](#); [Matt 24:15](#); [Rom 8:19-23](#); [Rev 10:1-3](#).)

ARTICLE XIII THE PERFECT AGE

We believe that at the close of the Millennial Age the present heaven is to be removed and a new heaven and a new earth will be formed. The saved will be with the Lord for eternity.

([II Pet 3:13](#).)

ARTICLE XIV THE ETERNAL STATE

We believe in a literal heaven. Believers pass immediately into God's presence at death. They remain there in conscious bliss until the resurrection of the glorified body at the rapture, when body and soul will be united. We believe in a literal hell. Those who reject God's provision of Redemption through Christ are eternally lost. They will not be annihilated, but will be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of His power.

([Luke 16:19-26](#); [Phil 1:23](#); [Jude 1:6,7](#); [Rev 20:11-15](#).)

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Bible References: Evergreen Baptist Church Statement of Faith

Article I The Scriptures

2 Timothy 3:16-17

All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.(NKJ)

2 Peter 1:19-21

And so we have the prophetic word confirmed, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts; knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation, for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit (NKJ)

John 20:31

but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name. (NKJ)

1 Corinthians 2:13

These things we also speak, not in words which man's wisdom teaches but which the Holy Spirit teaches, comparing spiritual things with spiritual. (NKJ)

Article 2 The Godhead

Matthew 28:18-19

And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, (NKJ)

Mark 12:29

Jesus answered him, "The first of all the commandments is: 'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one (NKJ)

A. God the Father

John 14:6

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me. (NKJ)

1 Corinthians 1:3

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. (NKJ)

B. God the Son

1 Timothy 3:16

And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifested in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen by angels, preached among the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up in glory. (NKJ)

1 Timothy 2:5

For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus, (NKJ)

John 1:1

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. (NKJ)

Matthew 1:23

"Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel," which is translated, "God with us." (NKJ)

Isaiah 7:14

"Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel. (NKJ)

Isaiah 9:6-7

For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of His government and peace there will be no end, upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, to order it and establish it with judgment and justice from that time forward, even forever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this. (NKJ)

John 14:6

Jesus saith unto him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. (NKJ)

Acts 4:12

"Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved. (NKJ)

Galatians 2:20

"I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me. (NKJ)

Hebrews 9:22

And according to the law almost all things are purified with blood, and without shedding of blood there is no remission. (NKJ)

John 3:14-17

"And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. (NKJ)

John 19:16-24

Then he delivered Him to them to be crucified. So they took Jesus and led Him away. And He, bearing His cross went out to a place called the Place of a Skull, which is called in Hebrew, Golgotha, where they crucified Him, and two others with him, one on either side, and Jesus in the center. Now Pilate wrote a title and put it on the cross. And the writing was: JESUS OF NAZARETH, THE KING OF THE JEWS. Then many of the Jews read this title, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, Greek, and Latin. Therefore the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, "Do not write, 'The King of the Jews,' but, 'He said, 'I am the King of the Jews.'"" Pilate answered, "What I have written, I have written." Then the soldiers, when they had crucified Jesus, took His garments and made four parts, to each soldier a part, and also the tunic. Now the tunic was without seam, woven from the top in one piece. They said therefore among themselves, "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it, whose it shall be," that the scripture might be fulfilled which says: "They divided My garments among them, and for MY clothing they cast lots." Therefore the soldiers did these things. (NKJ)

John 19:28-30

After this, Jesus, knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the Scripture might be fulfilled, said, "I thirst!" Now a vessel full of sour wine was sitting there; and they filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on hyssop, and put it to His mouth. So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "It is finished!" And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit. (NKJ)

1 Corinthians 15:3-4

For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures, (NKJ)

John 20:1

On the first day of the week Mary Magdalene went to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. (NKJ)

John 20:14-18

Now when she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, and did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?" She, supposing Him to be the gardener, said to Him, "Sir, if You have carried Him away, tell me where You have laid Him, and I will take Him away. Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to Him, "Rabboni!" (which is to say, Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not cling to Me, for I have not yet ascended to My Father; but go to My brethren and say to them, 'I am ascending to My Father and your Father, and to My God and your God. Mary Magdalene came and told the disciples that she had seen the Lord, and that He had spoken these things to her. (NKJ)

Hebrews 10:11

And every priest stands ministering daily and offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. (NKJ)

Romans 8:34

Who is he who condemns? It is Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us. (NKJ)

C. God the Holy Spirit

John 14:26

"But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you. (NKJ)

John 15:26

"But when the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify of Me. (NKJ)

John 16:7-11

"Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you. "And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: "of sin, because they do not believe in Me; "of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more; "of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged. (NKJ)

John 14:16-17

"And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever--"the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you. (NKJ)

Matthew 28:19

"Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, (NKJ)

Hebrews 9:14

how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? (NKJ)

John 14:26

"But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you. (NKJ)

Ephesians 1:13-14

In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory. (NKJ)

Romans 8:14-16

For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father." The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, (NKJ)

Romans 8:26-27

Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God.(NKJ)

Article 3 Man Created and Fallen

Genesis 1:26

Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." (NKJ)

John 3:5-8

Jesus answered, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again. The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit.'" (NKJ)

Romans 3:10-19

As it is written: "There is none righteous, no, not one; There is none who understands; there is none who seeks after God. They have all turned aside; they have together become unprofitable; there is none who does good, no, not one." "Their throat is an open tomb;

with their tongues they have practiced deceit"; "The poison of asps is under their lips"; "Whose mouth is full of cursing and bitterness." "Their feet are swift to shed blood; Destruction and misery are in their ways; And the way of peace they have not known." "There is no fear of God before their eyes." Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God. (NKJ)

Ephesians 2:1-3

And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins, in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience, among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others. (NKJ)

1 Timothy 5:6

But she who lives in pleasure is dead while she lives. (NKJ)

Article 4 Satan

1 Peter 5:8-9

Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world.

Isaiah 14:12-17

"How you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How you are cut down to the ground, you who weakened the nations! For you have said in your heart: 'I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; I will also sit on the mount of the congregation on the farthest sides of the north; I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, I will be like the Most High.' Yet you shall be brought down to Sheol, to the lowest depths of the Pit. Those who see you will gaze at you, and consider you, saying: 'Is this the man who made the earth tremble, who shook kingdoms, Who made the world as a wilderness and destroyed its cities, who did not open the house of his prisoners?' (NKJ)

Matthew 4:2-11

And when He had fasted forty days and forty nights, afterward He was hungry. Now when the tempter came to Him, he said, "If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread." But He answered and said, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.'" Then the devil took Him up into the holy city, set Him on the pinnacle of the temple, and said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down. For it is written: 'He shall give His angels charge over you,' and, 'In their hands they shall bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus said to him, "It is written again, 'You shall not tempt the Lord your God.'" Again, the devil took Him up on an exceedingly high mountain, and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. And he said to Him, "All these things I will give You if You will fall down and worship me." Then Jesus said to him, "Away with you,

Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the Lord your God, and Him only you shall serve.'" Then the devil left Him, and behold, angels came and ministered to Him. (NKJ)

Revelation 20:1-15

Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, having the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. He laid hold of the dragon, that serpent of old, who is the Devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years; and he cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal on him, so that he should deceive the nations no more till the thousand years were finished. But after these things he must be released for a little while. And I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was committed to them. Then I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness to Jesus and for the word of God, who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received his mark on their foreheads or on their hands. And they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years. But the rest of the dead did not live again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection. Blessed and holy is he who has part in the first resurrection. Over such the second death has no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years. Now when the thousand years have expired, Satan will be released from his prison and will go out to deceive the nations which are in the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle, whose number is as the sand of the sea. They went up on the breadth of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city. And fire came down from God out of heaven and devoured them. The devil, who deceived them, was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone where the beast and the false prophet are. And they will be tormented day and night forever and ever. Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away. And there was found no place for them. And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books. The sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them. And they were judged, each one according to his works. Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire. (NKJ)

Article 5 The Extent of Salvation

A. The New Birth

John 1:12

But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name:(NKJ)

John 3:16

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. (NKJ)

Acts 16:31

So they said, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household."(NKJ)

Romans 1:16-17

For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "The just shall live by faith." (NKJ)

Galatians 3:22

But the Scripture has confined all under sin, that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe. (NKJ)

B. Salvation Complete**John 5:24**

"Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life. (NKJ)

John 17:23

"I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me. (NKJ)

Acts 13:39

"and by Him everyone who believes is justified from all things from which you could not be justified by the law of Moses. (NKJ)

Romans 5:1

Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,(NKJ)

1 Corinthians 3:21-23

Therefore let no one boast in men. For all things are yours: whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas, or the world or life or death, or things present or things to come-- all are yours. And you are Christ's, and Christ is God's. (NKJ)

Ephesians 1:3

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ, (NKJ)

C. Eternal Security

John 5:24

"Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life. (NKJ)

John 10:28

"And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand. (NKJ)

John 14:16

"And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever (NKJ)

Romans 8:29

For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. (NKJ)

Hebrews 7:25

Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them. (NKJ)

Jude 1:24

Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, (NKJ)

Article 6 The Church-A Unity of Believers

Matthew 16:16-18

Simon Peter answered and said, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Jesus answered and said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father who is in heaven. "And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it. (NKJ)

Acts 2:42-47

And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers. Then fear came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles. Now all who believed were together, and had all things in common, and sold their possessions and goods, and divided them among all, as anyone had need. So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved. (NKJ)

Romans 12:5

so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another. (NKJ)

Ephesians 1:20-23

which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come. And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church, which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all. (NKJ)

1 Corinthians 12:12-27

For as the body is one and has many members, but all the members of that one body, being many, are one body, so also is Christ. For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body-- whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free-- and have all been made to drink into one Spirit. For in fact the body is not one member but many. If the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I am not of the body," is it therefore not of the body? And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I am not of the body," is it therefore not of the body? If the whole body were an eye, where would be the hearing? If the whole were hearing, where would be the smelling? But now God has set the members, each one of them, in the body just as He pleased. And if they were all one member, where would the body be? But now indeed there are many members, yet one body. And the eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you"; nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." No, much rather, those members of the body which seem to be weaker are necessary. And those members of the body which we think to be less honorable, on these we bestow greater honor; and our unpresentable parts have greater modesty, but our presentable parts have no need. But God composed the body, having given greater honor to that part which lacks it, that there should be no schism in the body, but that the members should have the same care for one another. And if one member suffers, all the members suffer with it; or if one member is honored, all the members rejoice with it. Now you are the body of Christ, and members individually. (NKJ)

Article 7 The Ordinances

Matthew 28:19

"Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, (NKJ)

Acts 10:47-48

"Can anyone forbid water, that these should not be baptized who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord. Then they asked him to stay a few days. (NKJ)

1 Corinthians 11:26

For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes. (NKJ)

Galatians 3:27

For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. (NKJ)

1 Corinthians 10:16

The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ? (NKJ)

Article 8 The Christian's Walk and Service

Romans 6:11-13

Likewise you also, reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body, that you should obey it in its lusts. And do not present your members as instruments of unrighteousness to sin, but present yourselves to God as being alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God. (NKJ)

Galatians 5:16-23

I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. (NKJ)

Colossians 2:1-10

For I want you to know what a great conflict I have for you and those in Laodicea, and for as many as have not seen my face in the flesh, that their hearts may be encouraged, being knit together in love, and attaining to all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the knowledge of the mystery of God, both of the Father and of Christ, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. Now this I say lest anyone should deceive you with persuasive words. For though I am absent in the flesh, yet I am with you in spirit, rejoicing to see your good order and the steadfastness of your faith in Christ. As you have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding in it with thanksgiving. Beware lest anyone cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the basic principles of the world, and not according to Christ. For in Him

dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily; and you are complete in Him, who is the head of all principality and power. (NKJ)

Romans 12:6

Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, let us prophesy in proportion to our faith; (NKJ)

1 Corinthians 12:4-11

There are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. There are differences of ministries, but the same Lord. And there are diversities of activities, but it is the same God who works all in all. But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all: for to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, to another the word of knowledge through the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healings by the same Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another discerning of spirits, to another different kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills.(NKJ)

Ephesians 4:11

And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, (NKJ)

Article 9 The Great Commission

Matthew 28:18-19

And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, (NKJ)

Acts 1:8

"But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." (NKJ)

1 Peter 1:17

And if you call on the Father, who without partiality judges according to each one's work, conduct yourselves throughout the time of your stay here in fear; (NKJ)

Article 10 The Blessed Hope (Pre-Tribulation Rapture)

John 14:1-3

"Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also." (NKJ)

1 Corinthians 15:51-52

Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed--in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. (NKJ)

1Thesalonians 4:13-18

But I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have fallen asleep, lest you sorrow as others who have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus. For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep. For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. Therefore comfort one another with these words. (NKJ)

Titus 2:13

looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, (NKJ)

Article 11 The Tribulation

Daniel 9:27

Then he shall confirm a covenant with many for one week; but in the middle of the week he shall bring an end to sacrifice and offering. And on the wing of abominations shall be one who makes desolate, even until the consummation, which is determined, is poured out on the desolate." (NKJ)

Article 12 The Second Coming of Christ (Pre-Millennial Return)

Deuteronomy 30:1-10

"Now it shall come to pass, when all these things come upon you, the blessing and the curse which I have set before you, and you call them to mind among all the nations where the LORD your God drives you, and you return to the LORD your God and obey His voice, according to all that I command you today, you and your children, with all your heart and with all your soul, that the LORD your God will bring you back from captivity, and have compassion on you, and gather you again from all the nations where the LORD your God has scattered you. If any of you are driven out to the farthest parts under heaven, from there the LORD your God will gather you, and from there He will bring you. Then the LORD your God will bring you to the land which your fathers possessed, and you shall possess it. He will prosper you and multiply you more than your fathers. And the LORD your God will circumcise your heart and the heart of your descendants, to love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, that you may live. Also the LORD your God will put all these curses on your enemies and on those who hate you, who persecuted you. And

you will again obey the voice of the LORD and do all His commandments which I command you today. The LORD your God will make you abound in all the work of your hand, in the fruit of your body, in the increase of your livestock, and in the produce of your land for good. For the LORD will again rejoice over you for good as He rejoiced over your fathers, if you obey the voice of the LORD your God, to keep His commandments and His statutes which are written in this Book of the Law, and if you turn to the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul.” (NKJ)

Ezekiel 37:21-28

"Then say to them, 'Thus says the Lord GOD: "Surely I will take the children of Israel from among the nations, wherever they have gone, and will gather them from every side and bring them into their own land; and I will make them one nation in the land, on the mountains of Israel; and one king shall be king over them all; they shall no longer be two nations, nor shall they ever be divided into two kingdoms again. They shall not defile themselves anymore with their idols, nor with their detestable things, nor with any of their transgressions; but I will deliver them from all their dwelling places in which they have sinned, and will cleanse them. Then they shall be My people, and I will be their God. David My servant shall be king over them, and they shall all have one shepherd; they shall also walk in My judgments and observe My statutes, and do them. Then they shall dwell in the land that I have given to Jacob My servant, where your fathers dwelt; and they shall dwell there, they, their children, and their children's children, forever; and My servant David shall be their prince forever. Moreover I will make a covenant of peace with them, and it shall be an everlasting covenant with them; I will establish them and multiply them, and I will set My sanctuary in their midst forevermore. My tabernacle also shall be with them; indeed I will be their God, and they shall be My people. The nations also will know that I, the LORD, sanctify Israel, when My sanctuary is in their midst forevermore.'" (NKJ)

Matthew 24:15

"Therefore when you see the 'abomination of desolation,' spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place" (whoever reads, let him understand), (NKJ)

Romans 8:19-23

For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God. For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it in hope; because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs together until now. Not only that, but we also who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for the adoption, the redemption of our body. (NKJ)

Rev 10:1-3

I saw still another mighty angel coming down from heaven, clothed with a cloud. And a rainbow was on his head, his face was like the sun, and his feet like pillars of fire. He had a little book open in his hand. And he set his right foot on the sea and his left foot on the land, and cried with a loud voice, as when a lion roars. When he cried out, seven thunders uttered their voices. (NKJ)

Article 13 The Perfect Age

2 Peter 3:13

Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. (NKJ)

Article 14 The Eternal State

Luke 16:19-26

"There was a certain rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and fared sumptuously every day. But there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, full of sores, who was laid at his gate, desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table. Moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. So it was that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried. And being in torments in Hades, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. Then he cried and said, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.' "But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things; but now he is comforted and you are tormented. And besides all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed, so that those who want to pass from here to you cannot, nor can those from there pass to us.' “ (NKJ)

Philippians 1:23

For I am hard pressed between the two, having a desire to depart and be with Christ, which is far better. (NKJ)

Jude 1:6-7

And the angels who did not keep their proper domain, but left their own abode, He has reserved in everlasting chains under darkness for the judgment of the great day; as Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities around them in a similar manner to these, having given themselves over to sexual immorality and gone after strange flesh, are set forth as an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire. (NKJ)

Rev 20:11-15

Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away. And there was found no place for them. And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books. The sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them. And they were judged, each one according to his works. Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire. (NKJ)