

SHANNON HILLS BIBLE CHAPEL—ARTICLES OF FAITH

ARTICLE I—THE SCRIPTURES

We believe that the Holy Bible was written by men divinely inspired (2 Peter 1:21). We believe the original Scriptures to be inspired, infallible, inerrant, both Old and New Testaments, 66 books in all. This inerrancy applies to every statement of Scripture. We believe them to be the supreme standard by which all human conduct, creeds, and religious beliefs should be tried.

ARTICLE II—GOD

We believe there is one true God, a Trinity of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, equal in all things as to eternity, omnipotence, omniscience, omnipresence, and immutability (Matthew 28:19; 2 Corinthians 13:14)

ARTICLE III—CHRIST

We believe in the virgin birth of Christ (Luke 1:26-35), His absolute impeccability (2 Corinthians 5:21; 1 Peter 2:22; 1 John 3:5), His vicarious death (Romans 5:6-8), His bodily resurrection from the dead (Romans 4:25; Luke 24:36-40), His visible ascension (Luke 24:50-51), His present enthronement (Hebrews 1:3), His High Priestly Ministry and Advocacy (Hebrews 7:25-26; 1 John 2:1), and His second coming to the air and earth (1 Thessalonians 4:15-18; 2 Thessalonians 1:7-10).

ARTICLE IV—MAN

We believe in the total depravity of man through the fall of Adam in Eden's Garden (Genesis 3; Romans 5:12-19) and his absolute helplessness to please God in his unregenerate condition (Romans 3:9-19; 8:8).

ARTICLE V—SALVATION

We believe in the love of God to the entire world (John 3:16), the necessity of the new birth through the Word and Spirit of God (John 3:3-7; 1 Peter 1:23-25), the uselessness of human works and merit to obtain salvation (Romans 4:5; Ephesians 2:8-9; Titus 3:5), the finished work of Christ through which complete and eternal atonement for sin has been effected (John 19:30; Hebrews 9:26; 10:12), salvation by grace alone through faith (Ephesians 2:8-9; Acts 16:30-31), the efficacy of the blood of Christ, apart from which there can be no salvation (Hebrews 9:22; Ephesians 1:7; Colossians 1:20; 1 John 1:7), the complete justification of the believer in Christ (Acts 13:38-39; Romans 5:1), the present assurance of salvation (1 John 5:11-13), the present possession of eternal life by every true believer (John 5:24; 6:47), and the eternal security of the genuine believer (John 10:28-30; Romans 8:35-39).

ARTICLE VI—PREMILLENNIALISM

We believe in the rapture of the Church at the coming of Christ to the air (1 Corinthians 15:51-57; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18), the revelation of Christ at His coming to the earth prior to the setting up of His millennial kingdom (2 Thessalonians 1:6-10), the personal, literal reign of Christ over the earth for one thousand years (1 Corinthians 15:24-28; Revelation 19:11-20; 20:4).

ARTICLE VII—RESURRECTION OF THE DEAD

We believe that all the dead will be raised by the power of Christ, the resurrection of all believers at the coming of Christ to the air, and the review of their life and works (Luke 14:14; John 5:28-29; Romans 14:10-12; 1 Corinthians 3:11-15; 15:22-23); the unsaved dead, who went immediately at death to the place of torment, will be resurrected at the Great White Throne Judgment and there will be judged and consigned to the Lake of Fire to endure eternal punishment (Luke 16:19-31; John 5:28-29; Matthew 25:46; Revelation 20:11-15).

ARTICLE VIII—THE ORDINANCES

We believe that all believers should be baptized by immersion, and we seek to teach this truth (this, however, is not the door to the Church or an absolute condition of fellowship). We believe that all Christians should obey the Lord in observing the Lord's Supper. The early Christians did this the first day of the week, and we follow this practice in keeping the Lord's Supper each week (Matthew 28:19; Acts 2:41-42; 18:8; 20:7; 1 Corinthians 11: 23-32).

ARTICLE IX—PRIESTHOOD OF ALL BELIEVERS

We believe that all believers are priests and have equal access and divine right to draw near to God in the Holiest, and offer up spiritual sacrifices, apart altogether from human authorization or appointment (Hebrews 10:19-22; 13:15; 1 Peter 2:5).

ARTICLE X—LIFE AND WALK OF BELIEVERS

We believe that all Christians should, through appreciation to Christ and for what He has done for them, live a godly life in true separation from sin and the world, seeking to win others to the Savior who died for them (2 Corinthians 6:14-18; 7:1; Titus 2:11-14).