

General Association Articles of Faith (1870)

We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the infallible word of God, and the only safe rule of faith and practice.

That there is only one true and living God, and in the Godhead, or divine essence, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

That we are fallen and depraved creatures, and cannot extricate ourselves from our fallen situation by any ability we possess by nature.

That salvation, regeneration, sanctification, justification, and redemption are by the life, death, resurrection, ascension, and intercession of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

We believe that he that shall endure to the end, the same shall be saved.

That the joys of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ appointed in the church, and none but true believers are proper subjects, and the only proper mode of baptism is immersion.

We believe in the sanctity of the first day of the week (or Lord's Day), and that it ought to be observed and spent in the public or private worship of God, and on it we should abstain from our worldly concerns, except in case of necessity or mercy.

We believe in the resurrection of the body, both of just and unjust, but everyone in his own order; those who have done good to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil to the resurrection of damnation; and that God hath appointed a day in which he will judge the world in righteousness by Jesus Christ.

That it is our duty to be tender and affectionate on to another, and to study the happiness of the people of God in general, and to be singly engaged to promote the honor and glory of God.

We believe that Jesus Christ, by the grace of God, tasted death for every man, and that none can partake of his divine benefits only by repentance toward God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. (Infants and idiots excepted, they being included in the covenant of God's grace).