

### ARTICLE III: DOCTRINAL STATEMENT

#### We Believe:

1. In the plenary-dynamic and unique inspiration of the Bible as the divine Word of God, the only infallible, sufficient, and authoritative rule of faith and practice;
2. That there is one God, eternally existent in the Holy Trinity of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, each with personality and deity;
3. That the Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, was manifested in the flesh through the Virgin Birth, and died on Calvary for the redemption of the human family, all of whom may be saved from sin through faith in Him;
4. That man, although created by God in His own image and likeness, fell into sin through disobedience and "so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned" (Romans 5:12);
5. In the salvation of the human soul, including the new birth; and in a subsequent work of God in the soul, a crisis, wrought by faith, whereby the heart is cleansed from all sin and filled with the Holy Spirit; this gracious experience is retained by faith as expressed in a constant obedience to God's revealed will, thus giving perfect cleansing moment by moment (I John 1:7-9) as taught by John Wesley;
6. That the Church is the body of Christ; that all who are united by faith to Christ are members of the Church, and that, having thus become members one of another, it is our solemn and covenant duty to fellowship with one another in peace, and to love one another with pure and fervent hearts;
7. That our Lord Jesus in His literal resurrection from the dead is the living guarantee of the resurrection of all human beings, the believing saved to conscious eternal joy, and the unbelieving lost to conscious eternal punishment;
8. That our Lord Jesus Christ, in fulfillment of His own promise, both angelically and apostolically attested, will personally return in power and great glory.