

DECLARATION OF FAITH

We believe in one God (Deut. 6:4), the Maker of heaven and earth (Gen. 1:1); in three Persons (Matt. 28:19), the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit; equal in perfection (Jn. 1:1) and executing distinct offices; that man was created in holiness (Gen. 1:31), but fell (Gen. 3, Rom. 5:12-19, 1 Cor. 15:21-22); that salvation is wholly of grace (Eph. 2:8-9), that this salvation is conditioned upon repentance and faith of the sinner (Acts 3:19); which is a trust in an all-sufficient Saviour (Rom. 10:9-10), by the imputation of Christ's righteousness unto justification (Rom. 4:22-25) and consists in giving a holy disposition to the mind (Rom. 12:2); that sanctification is a growth in grace begun in regeneration, progressively carried on by the Holy Spirit (2 Cor. 5:17); and completed at death (1 Jn. 3:2); that Christ shall come in person to raise the righteous dead and translate the living saints at the first resurrection (1 Thess. 4:13-18); that He shall set up a millennial kingdom on earth (Rev. 20:1-6, Is. 24:21-23); that the righteous and the wicked are to be forever separated in the next world, the wicked being punished with endless torment, and the righteous being granted eternal life (Rev. 20:11-15); that a visible Church of Christ is a congregation of believers (1 Cor. 1:2), obeying the ordinances of Christ and that its only Scriptural officers are Pastors and Deacons (Phil. 1:1); that immersion in water of the body of a believer, in the Name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, is baptism (Matt. 3:16; Matt. 28:19-20) and that it is a prerequisite to church membership (Acts 2:41), that the ordinances of Christ are Baptism and the Lord's Supper (1 Cor. 11:23-34, Matt. 28:19-20); that the first day of the week is the Lord's Day (Acts 20:7, 1 Cor. 16:2).

We further believe in the inspiration of the Bible, both the Old and New Testaments; that it has God for its author, salvation for its end, and truth without any mixture of error in the original autographs, and that therefore it is the only rule of faith and practice (2 Tim. 3:16-17, 2 Pet. 1:16-21).

Since the leaven of apostasy and compromise is effectively at work in churches, colleges, seminaries and missions, causing many to depart from the faith once delivered unto the saints (1 Tim. 4:1-5), and since pressures are being placed on all levels to bring together in cooperative efforts fundamental Christians with those who deny the Scriptural doctrines of the faith, we believe that it is wrong to cooperate or identify ourselves with any such ecclesiastical endeavors (2 Cor. 6:14-18, 2 Thess. 3:6, 14-15, Rom. 16:17-18).

We stand opposed and separated from the Charismatic, Ecumenical, New Evangelical and Pseudo-Fundamental Movements which have become vehicles to unite true believers with liberals and apostates in joint ecumenical endeavors, that the Faith Independent Bible Church goes on record as opposing these movements as being unbiblical, divisive and harmful to New Testament Christianity. While we oppose the movement, we wish to make it clear that true believers, who wish to separate from the unbiblical beliefs and attitudes of these movements, are welcome to fellowship with us. We also stand separated from any church, institution or movement or mission which maintains unscriptural and disobedient ties with such apostasy or compromise (2 Thess. 3:6, 14-15, Rev. 18:4, James 4:4, 1 Cor. 5:11).