

ARTICLES OF FAITH

of Camp Gilead, Carnation WA

We believe the Bible to be the inspired, the only infallible, authoritative Word of God. *2 Timothy 3:15-17*

We believe that there is one God, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. *Matthew 28:19; Ephesians 6*

We believe in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious and atoning death through His shed blood, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and in His personal return in power and glory. *John 1:1-4; Matthew 1:23; Philippians 2:5-11; Hebrews 1:1-4 & 4:15; Acts 1:11 & 2:22-24; I Corinthians 15:3-4.*

We believe that, for the salvation of lost and sinful man, repentance of sin and faith in Jesus Christ results in regeneration by the Holy Spirit and that Jesus Christ is the only way of salvation. *Titus 3:4-7; Luke 24:46-47; Ephesians 2:8-9; John 14:6; Acts 4:12.*

We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit whose indwelling enables the Christian to live a godly life. *Galatians 5:16-18; Romans 8:9.*

We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost; the saved unto the resurrection of eternal life and the lost unto the resurrection of damnation and eternal punishment. *Revelation 20:11-15; I Corinthians 15:51-57.*

We believe in the spiritual unity of believers in our Lord Jesus Christ and that all true believers are members of His body, the Church. *Ephesians 1:22-23; I Corinthians 12:12, 27.*

We believe that the ministry of evangelism is a responsibility of both the church and each Christian. *Romans 10:9-15; Acts 1:8; Matthew 28:18-20; I Peter 3:15.*

We believe that our lives should be marked by the same sacrificial love that motivated Jesus. He loves us with an unconditional, self-sacrificing and unquenchable love. He calls us to aggressively forgive, to reach out beyond our comfort and to love without limits. *John 13:13-17; John 13:34; John 15:12-13; Romans 5:8; I Corinthians 13.*

Marriage has been instituted by God. This Camp defines “marriage” as the exclusive covenantal union of one man and one woman in which such union is a lifetime commitment. A civil government’s sanction of a union will be recognized as a legitimate marriage by the Camp only to the extent that it is consistent with the definition of “marriage” found in these Articles. *Genesis 2:21 – 25; 4:1-2; Mark 10:6-9*

Legitimate sexual relations are exercised solely within marriage. Hence, sexual activities outside of marriage [referred to in the New Testament as “porneia”] including but not limited to adultery, premarital sex, homosexuality, and pedophilia are inconsistent with the teachings of the Bible and the Church. Further, lascivious conduct, transgender behavior, and the creation and/or distribution and /or viewing of pornography, are incompatible with the biblical witness. *Genesis 2:18–24; Exodus 20:14; Matthew 19:4-6, 19; I Corinthians 6:9-10, 18:7:2; Hebrews 13:4*