

## Articles of Faith of Palmetto Baptist Church

1 We believe in only one true and living God, and that there are three persons in the Godhead - the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost.

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

3 We believe in the doctrine of election as taught in the Scriptures (See Rom. viii. 29, 30; XI. 11. Eph. 1. 4, 5; 2 Tim. 1. 9; 1 Pet. 1. 2; 2 Thes. 11. 13).

4 We believe in original sin as defined in Rom. V. 17-19.

5 We believe in man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature.

6 We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Christ.

7 We believe in the perseverance of the saints.

8 We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Christ; that the immersion of a believer by a properly authorized officer of a Scriptural Church alone is baptism; that baptism and church membership are prerequisite to the Lord's Supper; and that no one has a right to administer these ordinances except a regularly ordained minister of the gospel.

9 We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a future general judgement.

10 We believe the reward of the righteous is eternal, and the punishment of the wicked everlasting.

## Covenant of the Palmetto Baptist Church

Having been, as we trust, brought by divine grace to embrace the Lord Jesus Christ, and to give ourselves wholly to him.

We do now solemnly and joyfully covenant with each other, to walk together in him, with brotherly love, to his glory, as our common Lord. We do therefore, in his strength engage that we will exercise a Christian care and

watchfulness over each other, and faithfully  
warn, exhort, and admonish each other,  
as occasion may require;

That we will not forsake the assembling  
of our selves together, but will uphold the  
public worship of God, and the ordinances  
of his house;

That we will not omit closet and family  
religion at home, nor neglect the great  
duty of religiously training our children,  
and those under our care for the service of  
Christ, and the enjoyment of heaven;

That as we are the light of the world  
and the salt of the earth, we will seek divine  
aid, to enable us to deny ungodliness, and  
every worldly lust, and to walk circumspectly  
in the world, that we may win the souls of men;

That we will refrain from card-playing,  
dancing, sabbath-breaking, swearing or the  
use of profanity, and the intemperate use of  
intoxicants or drunkards;

That we will contribute cheerfully of our  
property according as God has prospered us,  
for the maintenance of a faithful and  
evangelical ministry among us, for the  
support of the poor, and to spread the gospel  
over the earth;

That a failure to comply with these reasonable  
requirements be considered sufficient grounds  
for discipline, and if still unheeded, for  
exclusion;

That we will, in all conditions, even till  
death, strive to live to the glory of him, who  
hath called us out of darkness into his  
marvellous light. And may the God of  
peace, who brought again from the dead our  
Lord Jesus, that Great Shepherd of the sheep,  
through the blood of the everlasting covenant,  
make us perfect in every good work, to do

his will, working in us that which is wellpleasing  
in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be  
glory, forever and ever, Amen -

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We also recommend that our members  
as far as possible strive to pay their just debts,  
and thus save the church from the reproach  
that often comes from a disregard of financial  
obligations. Also we do not approve of the  
attendance of theatres, unless of a high moral  
character -

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