

ACMO

DECLARATION OF FAITH

Here are the fundamental beliefs on which ACMO is based:

- 1) We believe in the divine and absolute inspiration of canonical books. We believe that the Scriptures are infallible. They are for us the only true authority in matters of faith and moral conduct. (2 Timothy 3: 16-17, 1 Corinthians 2:13)
- 2) We believe in God the Father, who has revealed himself to be the One true God, "I Am," the Author of Life and the Creator of all things. A God in Three Persons: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. All three distinct, but indivisible. (Deuteronomy 6: 4, Isaiah 43: 10-13, Matthew 28:19, Mark 12:29, 2 Corinthians 13:14)
- 3) We believe that God is the Creator of all the universe and the steward of all laws called natural, that He created heaven, earth, sun, moon, stars, plants, animals and man . We believe in the truthfulness of the characters and events recounted in the Genesis narrative. We therefore believe that Adam and Eve are truly the parents of humanity, that their fall led to a judgment on creation, that there was a global deluge from which Noah and his people were saved, and that the diversity of languages and Peoples finds its origin in the account of the Tower of Babel. (Genesis 1-11, Psalm 104: 27-30, Isaiah 45: 5-7)
- 4) We believe in the creation, temptation and fall of man as told in the Genesis account, his spiritual death and his inability to be found right before God having become enslaved to sin and enemy of God. (Romans 5:12, 18)
- 5) We believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, the Savior of men, conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of a virgin called Mary, God made Man, who came into the world to reveal the Father. We believe that in Him lies the fullness of the God of Glory and that it is impossible to really know the Father unless one first comes to know the Son. We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ rules over all things and that all powers in the heavens, on earth and under the earth are subject to Him. (Luke 1: 26-35, John 1: 14-18, Isaiah 7:14, Isaiah 9: 6, John 14, Hebrews 1, Philipians 2: 9-11)
- 6) We believe that Christ died for our sins, that He was buried, that He rose from the dead on the third day, and that He personally appeared to His disciples. (1 Corinthians 15: 1-4, Romans 4:25)
- 7) We believe in the ascension of Jesus to heaven in a glorified body and in His second coming when He will take with Him His Church. (John 14: 2-3, 1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18, Matthew 24:42, 44, Acts 1:11)
- 8) We believe in the salvation of sinners by means of grace, repentance and faith in the perfect and sufficient work of the cross of Calvary through which we obtain the remission of our sins. We believe that thanks to the precious blood of Jesus shed on the cross we have access to the Father and are the heirs of a New Covenant, not based on the Law but on faith to the Lord Jesus Christ. (Ephesians 2: 8-9, Hebrews 9:12, 22, Romans 5: 1-2, Romans 9-11, Luke 22:20)
- 9) We believe in the necessity of water baptism by immersion in the name of God the Father in repentance or subsequently, and whose initial sign is speaking in tongues as the Spirit gives to each one to express himself. (Acts 2: 1-4, Acts 8: 14-17, Acts 10: 44-46, Galatians 3: 14-15)

10) We believe in the operation of the nine gifts of the Spirit as enumerated in the first Epistle to the Corinthians in chapters 12 and 14 and manifested for the edification of the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ.

11) We believe that a life filled with the fulness of the Spirit, separated from the world, imbued with sanctification and lived in the fear of God, is the fruit of a true Christian faith. (Ephesians 5:18, 2 Corinthians 6:14, 2 Corinthians 7: 1)

12) We believe in the laying on of hands as a means of confirming ministry, of giving the Holy Spirit, of healing the sick, of blessing and consecrating children. (Acts 13: 1-3, Acts 8: 17-18, Mark 16:16, Mark 10:16)

13) We believe in the healing of the body by a divine intervention taking various aspects, just as it was practiced in the early Church. We know that we are healed by the bruises of Christ. (Acts 4:30, Romans 8:11, 1 Corinthians 12: 9, James 5:14, 1 Peter 2:24)

14) We believe in the ministry of deliverance according to the teachings of the Lord Jesus Christ. (Luke 4: 18-19, 33-41, Mark 16:17)

15) We believe in the five ministries of apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers, all given to the Church for its edification. (1 Corinthians 12:28, Ephesians 4: 11-12)

16) We believe in the celebration of the Lord's Supper, commonly called Communion or Holy Supper, for believers. (1 Corinthians 11: 28-32, Matthew 26: 26-28)

17) We believe in the unity of the Body of Christ, that is, His Church, which He saved and called to walk in the path of sanctification as liberated from the law of sin and death. (Ephesians 2: 13, 22, 4.3-6, Romans 8: 2)

18) We believe in the reality of Satan's entity and eternal punishment in the lake of fire prepared for the devil and his angels. (Matthew 25:41, Revelation 20: 14-15)

19) We believe in the resurrection of the dead, eternal life for believers (John 5:24, 3:16), and eternal punishment for unbelievers. (Mark 9: 43-48, 2 Thessalonians 1: 9, Revelation 20: 10-15, 1 Thessalonians 4:16)

20) We believe that cowards, unbelievers, abominable, murderers, immodest, enchanters, sorcerers, idolaters and all liars will have their share in the lake of fire and suffering, which is the second death. (Revelation 21: 8)

21) We believe that there is only one true universal Church, made up of authentic believers, but that this universal Church is made up of multiple local churches serving their respective regions. These churches are subject to the supreme authority of the Lord Jesus Christ, assuming their own management under His command, and exercising the local ministries to which they are called and proclaiming the gospel. (Acts 15:22, Matthew 16:18, Matthew 18: 15-20)

22) We believe that the government holds its authority from God, and that the powers conferred upon it are for our good. Resisting the authorities and disobeying the law is therefore tantamount to disobeying God. We must therefore submit to the authorities not only to avoid a judgment, but also by reason of conscience, rendering to each one what is due him, the tax to whom it is due, the fear to which it is due, and the honor to whom it is due. We declare our loyalty to our government and its leaders and will do what we can to support it with our faith in the Scriptures as Christian citizens. (Romans 13)