



# ARROWS OF GRACE

## STATEMENT OF FAITH

The administration of Arrows of Grace subscribe to the following core tenets of the Christian faith. In addition to these, we come from a Reformed perspective. While agreement with the Reformed view isn't necessary to be a member of AOG, we want you to be aware that we will teach from this perspective.

### **Core Beliefs**

These core beliefs capture the basic contours of Christian theology and practice.

#### **The Triune God**

We believe there is one God: infinite, eternal, almighty and perfect in holiness, truth and love. In the unity of the Godhead, there are three Persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit, co-existent, co-equal and co-eternal. The Father is not the Son. The Son is not the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is not the Father. Yet each is truly Deity. One God—Father, Son and Holy Spirit—is the foundation of Christian faith and life.

Deuteronomy 6:4; 32:36-39; Isaiah 45:5; Mark 12:29; Genesis 1:1; Deuteronomy 33:27; Romans 16:26; Isaiah 40:28; John 1:1; John 8:58; Exodus 3:14; Hebrews 9:14

#### **God the Father**

We believe in God the Father, an infinite, personal spirit, perfect in holiness, wisdom, power and love. We believe that He infallibly foreknows all that shall come to pass, that He concerns Himself mercifully in the affairs of men, that He hears and answers prayer, and that He saves from sin and death all who come to Him through Jesus Christ.

Luke 10:21, 22; Matt 23:9; John 3:16; 6:27; Rom 1:7; I Tim 1:1,2; 2:5, 6; I Pet 1:3; Rev 1:6

#### **God the Son**

We believe in Jesus Christ, God's only begotten Son, conceived by the Holy Spirit. We believe in His virgin birth, sinless life, miracles, and teachings. We believe in His substitutionary atoning death, bodily resurrection, ascension into heaven, perpetual intercession for His people, and personal visible return to earth.

Matthew 1:18-25; Luke 1:26-38; John 1:1; 20:28; Romans 9:5; 8:46; 2 Corinthians 5:21; I Peter 2:21-23; John 20:30, 31; Matthew 20:28; Ephesians 1:4; Acts 1:11; Romans 5:6-8; 6:9, 10; Hebrews 7:25; Hebrews 9:28; I Timothy 3:16

#### **God the Holy Spirit**

We believe in the Holy Spirit who came forth from the Father and the Son to convict the world of sin, righteousness, and judgment; and to regenerate, sanctify, and empower all who believe in Jesus Christ. We believe that the Holy Spirit indwells every believer in Christ, and that He is our abiding helper, teacher and guide.

John 14:16, 17, 26; 15:26,27; John 16:9-14; Romans 8:9; I Corinthians 3:16; 6:19; Galatians 5:22-26

#### **The Scriptures**

The Scriptures are true, authoritative, sufficient and without error. They are the sole basis of our belief and are comprised of 66 books known as the Old and New Testaments. It was written by human authors, under the supernatural guidance of the Holy Spirit. Scripture speaks with God's authority while also reflecting the backgrounds, styles, and vocabularies of these human authors. In its original manuscripts, the Scriptures are truth without any mixture of error.

2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:20, 21; Mark 13:31; John 8:31, 32; John 20:31; Acts 20:32

## **Regeneration**

We believe that man was created by God in His own image; that he sinned and thereby incurred physical, spiritual and eternal death, which is separation from God; that as a consequence, all human beings are born with a sinful nature and are sinners by choice and therefore under condemnation. We believe that those who repent and forsake sin and trust Jesus Christ as Savior are regenerated by the Holy Spirit and become new creatures, delivered from condemnation and receive eternal life.

Genesis 1:26; 5:2; Genesis 3; Genesis 2:17; 3:19; Ecclesiastes 2:11; John 3:14; 5:24; John 5:30; 7:13; 8:12; 10:26; Romans 9:22; 2 Thessalonians 1:9; Revelation 19:3, 20; 20:10; 14, 15; 21:18; Psalm 51:7; Jeremiah 17:9; James 1:14; Romans 3:19; 5:19; Proverbs 28:13; 1 John 1:9; John 3:16; John 1:13; 2 Corinthians 5:17; Romans 8:1

## **The Church**

We believe in the universal church, a living spiritual body of which Christ is the head and all regenerated persons are members. We believe in the local church, consisting of a company of believers in Jesus Christ, baptized in water in the name of the Father, Son, and Spirit, and associated for worship, work, and fellowship. We believe that God has laid upon the members of the local church the primary task of giving the gospel of Jesus Christ to a lost world.

Ephesians 2:19-22; Acts 1:8; Ephesians 5:19-21; Acts 2:42; Hebrews 10:23-25

## **The Last Things**

We believe God, in His own time and in His own way, will bring the world to its appropriate end. According to His promise, Jesus Christ will return personally and visibly in glory to the earth; the dead will be raised; and Christ will judge all men in righteousness. The unrighteous will be consigned to Hell, the place of everlasting punishment. The righteous in their resurrected and glorified bodies will receive their reward and will dwell forever in Heaven with the Lord.

Matthew 16:27; Mark 14:62; John 14:3; Acts 1:11; Philippians 3:20; 1 Thessalonians 4:15; 2 Timothy 4:1; Titus 2:13; 1 Corinthians 4:5; 1 Corinthians 15; 2 Thessalonians 1:7-10; Revelation 20:4-6, 11-15

## **Further Issues & Denials**

We reject as sinful any sexual activity outside of the covenant marriage of one man and one woman, including, but not limited to: pre-marital sexual activity (fornication), consumption of pornographic material or erotic literature, homosexual sexual activity (including monogamous homosexual activity within a so-called “gay marriage”), bestiality, the sexual abuse of a child, adultery (whether physical, mental, emotional, actual or digital), sexual violence, and polyamory of any kind.

We further reject as sinful any attempt (or claim to the possibility of) gender alteration, including the practice of portraying oneself as a gender incongruent with one's biological, genetic sex. This includes, but is not limited to, transgenderism, transvestitism, cross-dressing, gender reassignment surgery, or the promotion of such practices as healthy. We will not agree to calling someone by a name other than the one he or she was given at birth and we will not agree to referring to them with their preferred pronouns if they differ from what they were born with. As with all sinful activities, one who makes a practice of these things—apart from repentance and faith in the work of Christ on the cross—will be found in their sin on the last day and condemned to eternal judgement.

Romans 8:18-39; 2 Timothy 3:12, 4:20; 1 Peter 4:12-19; John 15:20; 1 Timothy 5:23; James 5:13-16; James 5:15; 2 Corinthians 1:5; Philippians 4:12-13; Luke 1:52-53, 6:20-26, 9:23-24; Mark 10:25; Matthew 6:19-21; Romans 8:17; 2 Corinthians 11:24-29; James 1:9-11; Acts 5:41; Philippians 2:5-9; Hebrews 11:1-3; Galatians 3:22; James 1:6; Psalm 34:8; Jeremiah 2:13; Matthew 18:2-4; Hebrews 11:1-3; Romans 12:1-2; Colossians 1:9-10; Malachi 2:14; Genesis 2:23-24; 1 Timothy 3:2; 1 Corinthians 7:2; Matthew 15:19; 1 Corinthians 6:9; Exodus 20:14; Proverbs 6:25; Psalm 101:3; Matthew 5:28; 1 Corinthians 6:13; Hebrews 13:1-5; Leviticus 18:22, 20:13; Romans 1:26-28; 1 Corinthians 6:9-11; 1 Timothy 1:8-11; Jude 5-8; Exodus 22:19; Deuteronomy 27:21; Proverbs 5:4-5, 6:32-34; Leviticus 20:10; Matthew 5:27-28; Hebrews 13:4; Deuteronomy 22:25-27; 1 Timothy 3:2; 1 Corinthians 7:2; Genesis 1:26-27; 1 Corinthians 11:2-16; 1 Corinthians 6:9-11; 1 John 3:4-10