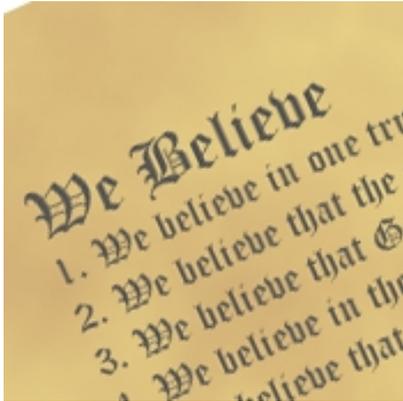


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Each Primitive Baptist Church has her own Statement of Faith. The two terms generally describing this document is "Articles of Faith" or "Statement of Faith." Occasionally you will see such document described as "Abstract of Principles." Whatever the describing term, the document is generally a short, concise expression of the individual Church's founding principles. The number of articles usually varies between 8 and 14, and highlights the essential, non-negotiable doctrines of the Bible (The Godhead, election, redemption, regeneration, resurrection, ordinances, etc). Ordinarily, each article begins with the phrase "We believe."

While there is no such recorded "Statement of Faith" for the first century church recorded in Scripture, there are several "We Believe" statements given. Below is every such occurrence of the phrase as found in Scripture. I find them incredible encouraging and comforting!

- **We believe**...for we have heard him ourselves, and know that this is indeed the Christ, the Saviour of the world. - John 4:42
- ...**We believe** and are sure that thou art that Christ, the Son of the living God. - John 6:69
- ...**We believe** that thou camest forth from God. - John 16:30
- **We believe** that through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ we shall be saved, even as they. - Acts 15:11
- And therefore it was imputed [*counted* - BW] to him for righteousness. Now it was not written for his sake alone, that it was imputed to him; But for us also, to whom it shall be imputed, if **we believe** on him that raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead... Romans 4:22-24
- Now if we be dead with Christ, **we believe** that we shall also live with him... - Romans 6:8
- For if **we believe** that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus

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will God bring with him. 1 Thessalonians 4:14

- If **we believe** not, [yet] he abideth faithful: he cannot deny himself.

Contained in the verses above are clear declarations of Christ's Divinity and our Faith in Him, salvation by grace, the experiential blessings of faithful living, redemption, the resurrection, and final preservation. This we believe!