Heartland Baptist Missions

ARTICLES OF FAITH

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We believe that the Bible is the verbally inspired and infallible, authoritative Word of God, and that God gave the words of Scripture by inspiration without error in the original autographs. God promises that He will preserve His Word; Jesus said, "*but my words shall not pass away*"—Matt. 24:35. We believe God has kept that promise by preserving His infallible Word in the traditional Hebrew and Greek manuscripts and that the Authorized Version (KJV) is an accurate English translation of the preserved Word of God.

A. **We believe** there is one triune God, eternally existent in the persons of Father, Son (Jesus Christ), and Holy Spirit; these three are one in essence, but distinct in person and function.

B. **We believe** that Jesus Christ, the Second Person of the Trinity, became the physical manifestation of the Godhead to mankind. We believe in His virgin birth, sinless life, miracles, vicarious and atoning death through His shed blood, and His bodily resurrection.

C. **We affirm** that the Holy Spirit is the third Person of the Trinity, the Agent of conviction, regeneration, indwelling, baptism, sanctification, and illumination of all who are born into God's family through Jesus Christ. We are opposed to the charismatic movement and its tongues and other sign manifestations.

D. **We believe** that God created the universe in six literal days, and that man was created in the image of God but chose to sin. Hence, all persons inherit a depraved nature and are lost sinners in need of salvation.

E. **We believe** that salvation is a free gift of God for "whosoever will;" it is by grace, through faith, plus nothing, and believers are eternally secure. Salvation is received only by personal faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and His finished work.

F. **We believe** in the resurrection of both the saved and lost: those that are saved unto the resurrection of eternal life in heaven, and those that are lost unto the resurrection of eternal damnation in a literal lake of fire.

G. **We believe** in the spiritual unity of the body of Christ and that God has ordained the local church for the perpetuation of His truth and work in the world. Believers should be baptized by immersion and should regularly observe the Lord's Supper.

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H. **We believe** in the imminent, pre-tribulation return of Jesus Christ for all believers. The Rapture of the saints will be followed by a seven-year period of Tribulation, after which Christ will return in glory to judge the world and set up His millennial reign on earth.

I. **We believe** in the plenary, verbal inspiration of the Bible, and it is our practice to use only the King James Version during prefield (deputation), furlough meetings, and for personal and family devotions when English-language Bibles are used. It is our practice to use the King James Version in English-speaking works on all our fields. We believe the *Textus Receptus* is a superior text, and we use it for Greek instruction and Bible translation.

J. ***Heartland Baptist Missions*** stands for Biblical separation from theological liberalism, neo-orthodoxy, new evangelicalism, and the ecumenical movement.

K. ***Heartland Baptist Missions*** takes a definite stand against the modern-day charismatic movement. We stand against the un-Scriptural emphasis that is espoused by the charismatic movement, the erroneous interpretation of the Scriptures by the movement, and the divisiveness that the charismatic movement often creates.

L. ***Heartland Baptist Missions*** does not believe that God pre-elects persons to heaven or hell; therefore, it does not permit any missionary or candidate to teach this position. A missionary who advocates or promotes this doctrine will not be kept with the board.

M. Without meaning to be unfriendly or unkind to anyone, ***Heartland Baptist Missions*** feels it only fair to state the above three points at the outset and that those who espouse these positions would not fit in at ***Heartland***. Therefore, ***Heartland*** does not permit any missionary or candidate to teach these positions. A missionary who advocates or promotes these doctrines will not be accepted as short term missionaries.

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Signature of Candidate ***Date***