



Tenets of Faith

The ECA was founded by godly men who were moved to band together for the purpose of promoting evangelical Christianity throughout the world. They were motivated by a strong persuasion that the Bible, consisting of the sixty-six books of the Old and New Testaments, is the divinely inspired and inerrant Word of God, that the men who wrote it were moved by the Holy Ghost, that in its original manuscripts and languages it is without error, without contradiction, that it is historically accurate and scientifically correct, and that it is man's only and final word of authority in matters of faith and practice. They rejected the theory of organic evolution and affirmed that the opening chapters of the Book of Genesis contain the true account of creation and the beginning of life on this earth. They declared their belief in the virgin birth of Jesus Christ, His death and bodily resurrection, His ascension into heaven that the shedding of His blood on the Cross provides man's only remedy for sin, and they looked forward to His coming again to rule on earth as King of kings and Lord of lords.

All individuals, churches and Christian organizations applying for membership shall subscribe to the following Tenets of Faith, which can never be repealed, changed, varied, altered, amended, or modified.

WE BELIEVE that both Old and New Testaments constitute the divinely inspired word of God, inerrant in the originals.

WE BELIEVE in one God existing eternally in three persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

WE BELIEVE that the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, became man without ceasing to be God, in order that He might reveal God and redeem sinful men.

WE BELIEVE that the Holy Spirit came forth from the Father and the Son to convict the world of sin, of righteousness and of judgment; and to regenerate, sanctify, comfort and seal those who believe in Jesus Christ.

WE BELIEVE that man is totally depraved in that of himself he is utterly unable to remedy his lost condition.

WE BELIEVE that salvation is the gift of God brought to man by grace and received by personal faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, whose atoning blood was shed on the cross for the forgiveness of sins.

WE BELIEVE in the water baptism of believers, symbolizing the believer's union in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

WE BELIEVE in the observance of the Lord's Supper commemorating the sacrifice of our Savior for all mankind.

WE BELIEVE the life of the believer is to be separated from the world by consistent conduct before God and man, and is to be in the world as a life-giving light.

WE BELIEVE in the personal and visible and bodily return of the Lord Jesus Christ.