

EAST RIDGE UNION CHURCH
Mars Hill, Maine

Doctrinal Statement

We believe:

1. That the Bible is verbally inspired by the Holy Spirit and inerrant in the original manuscripts and is the infallible and authoritative Word of God (II Timothy 3:16-17; Matthew 5:18)
2. That there is one living God who exists in three Persons — Father, Son and Holy Spirit (Matthew 28:19; II Corinthians 13:14). The Father is God (1 Corinthians 8:6). The Son, Jesus Christ, is God (Isaiah 9:6; John 1:1,14). The Holy Spirit is God (Acts 5:3-4).
3. That Satan, called the Devil, controls unregenerate mankind, and his destiny for eternity will be punishment in the lake of fire (Luke 4:6; John 8:44; I John 5:19).
4. That all men inherit a depraved nature and are lost sinners in need of salvation (Romans 3:9-19; Ephesians 2:13).
5. That the Lord Jesus Christ was born of a virgin (Isaiah 7:14).
6. That God has provided salvation through offering His Son on the cross of Calvary, and allowing His blood to be shed to atone for our sins (Hebrews 9:22; Romans 3:25).
7. That when we recognize ourselves as sinners, and we put our trust in Christ as the Son of God and His finished work on the cross of Calvary, we are eternally saved and justified. Salvation is by grace through faith plus nothing else (Romans 3:24; 4:5; Ephesians 2:8-9)
8. That He rose bodily from the dead according to the Scriptures and is at the Father's right hand. That by His finished work on the cross and His unceasing ministry of intercession in Glory, that Jesus Christ has procured for every believer eternal redemption, eternal salvation and everlasting life (1 Corinthians 15:3-4; Mark 16:19; Hebrews 7:25).
9. That the baptism of the Holy Spirit is not a second work of grace, but takes place at the time of conversion and is the act of placing the believer into the body of Christ. It is not necessarily manifested by the sign gifts (1 Corinthians 12:13; Galatians 3:27).
10. That we should regularly participate at the Lord's table (1 Corinthians 11:23-32).
11. That all believers should be baptized by water as an act of obedience, but not for securing their salvation (Acts 2:41; 19:4-5; Matthew 28:19-20).
12. That Christ will return imminently (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; 5:9).
13. That the resurrection of the saved into everlasting life and blessedness in heaven at the Rapture, and the resurrection of the unsaved unto everlasting punishment in Hell at the end of the age (John 4: 14; 5:24; 28-29).
14. In Christ's Commission to the Church to go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature (Matthew 28:19-20).