

PHILIPPINE FRONTLINE MINISTRIES, INC.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. **THE HOLY SCRIPTURES** – (2 Timothy 3:16, 17)

We believe the Holy Bible alone is God's written Word, inspired, inerrant, and infallible; and as such is the authoritative source of Christian instruction and doctrine.

2. **THE TRINITY** – (Luke 1:35, Mark 1: 10-11)

We believe the Godhead exists eternally in three persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and that these three are one God.

3. **THE FALL OF MAN** – (Romans 3:23; 5:12)

We believe that man was originally created in the image and likeness of God, and that he fell through sin and, as a consequence, incurred both spiritual and physical death.

- a. **SIN:** We believe the nature of the sin that separates man from God may be defined as any failure to conform to the moral law of God in act, attitude, or nature. (Exodus 20: 1-17; Romans 1:18-27; 1 Corinthians 6: 9-10)

Sin includes not only individual acts such as stealing or lying or committing murder, but also attitudes that are contrary to the attitudes God requires of us and also in our moral nature. (Micah 6:8; Romans 5:8, Ephesians 2:3)

- b. **HUMAN SEXUALITY:** We believe, according to the Scriptures:

- i. That God created human beings as male and female (Gen. 1:27), and that the complementary, relational nature of the human race as "male and female" reflects the created order given by God when He created human beings "in His image" (Gen. 1:26-27; 5:1, 3; 9:6; 1Cor. 11:7; Jms. 3:9; cf. Rom. 8:29; 2 Cor. 3:18; Eph. 4:23-24; Col. 3:10). It is with joy in our finitude that we are to receive the gift of being either male or female. Scripture grants two life-enhancing options for sexual behavior: monogamous marital relations between one man and one woman (Gen. 1:27-28; 2:18, 21-24; Matt. 19:4-6; Mk. 10:5-8; cf. Heb. 13:4) or sexual celibacy (1 Cor. 7:7; Matt. 19:12). Either is a gift from God, given as He wills for His glory and the good of those who receive and rejoice in His gift to them. (additional references, Genesis 1:28; 2:24)
- ii. That in Scripture monogamous heterosexual marriage bears a significance which goes beyond the regulation of sexual behavior, the bearing and raising of children, the formation of families, and the recognition of certain economic and legal rights, all of which are important. Marriage between a woman and a man is emphatically declared in Scripture to create a "one flesh" union (Gen. 2:23-24; Matt.

19:5), which in turn signifies the mystery of the union between Christ and His body, the Church (Eph. 5:22-33).

- iii. That this means the foundational understanding of marriage is as a covenant grounded in promises between a man (a natural born male) and a woman (a natural born female) which finds its divinely intended expression in the “one flesh” union of a husband (a naturally born male) and a wife (a naturally born female), and between the “one flesh” union of husband and wife and God (cf. Prov. 2:16-17; Mal. 2:14; Eph. 5:31-32).
- iv. That all of human existence, including our sexuality, has been deeply damaged by moral fall of mankind into sin (Gen. 3; Rom. 3:23; 5:12). We all are sinners, broken in some measure by this fall. Though Christians are rescued, reconciled, renewed and in process of being transformed, this brokenness also affects us in that we groan, as the whole creation, eager to experience final redemption knowing at present we live in a not-yet-glorified state (Rom. 8:22-23).
- v. That everything, from our environment to our bodily genetic code, has been ravaged by sin and the fall. Whether the homosexual attractions people experience are the product of their environment, their genetics, or another source, they are not what God intended or intends and, thus, do not render homosexual behavior legitimate.
- vi. That temptation, including sexual attractions, is not sin. Sin is yielding to temptation. Jesus himself was tempted, yet without sin (Matt. 4:1-11, Heb. 4:15).
- vii. That the Scriptures have much to say about sexual behavior, from the beautiful affirmations of the Song of Songs to the clear prohibitions found throughout the Bible (e.g., Rom. 13:13-14; 1 Cor. 5:1-2; 6:9-10, 15-18; Gal. 5:16-21; 1 Thess. 4:3-8). The Apostle Paul affirms that among believers “there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality” (Eph.5:3). All homosexual behavior is specifically condemned as sin in both the Old Testament and the New Testament (Gen. 19:4-11[cf. 2 Pet. 2:6-7; Jude 7]; Lev. 18:22;

4. **THE PLAN OF REDEMPTION** - (John 3:16; Ephesians 2:1-5)

We believe Christ was crucified before the foundation of the world, and the redemption of mankind is a glorious plan and purpose of God.

5. **THE SALVATION OF MAN** – (Ephesians 2:8)

We believe that salvation has been provided for all men through, and only through, the sacrifice of Christ upon the cross; that through faith, repentance, and acceptance of Christ we receive full justification before God, and that there are no other means of salvation provided to mankind.

6. **THE NEW BIRTH** – (John 3:3; Romans 10:9-10)
We believe that assurance of salvation and eternal life is the privilege of all who are born again by the Spirit through faith in Christ.
7. **THE DAILY CHRISTIAN LIFE** – (Hebrews 6:1-3; 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24)
We believe that it is the will of God that we be sanctified, growing constantly in the faith.
8. **WATER BAPTISM** – (Matthew 28:18; Romans 6:3-4)
We believe that water baptism signifies the believer's identification with Christ in His death, burial and resurrection, and is practiced by immersion in water.
9. **COMMUNION** - (1 Corinthians 11:23-25)
We believe the Lord's Supper is a symbol, memorial and proclamation of the suffering and death of our Lord Jesus Christ. This ordinance of communion is to be participated in by believers until Christ returns.
10. **THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT** – (Acts 1:8; 2:4; Ephesians 5:18)
We believe that the baptism of the Holy Spirit is to endue the believer with "power from on high".
11. **THE SPIRIT-FILLED LIFE** – (Galatians 5:16, 25)
We believe that it is the will of God that we walk in the Spirit daily.
12. **THE GIFT AND FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT** – (1 Corinthians 12:1-11, Galatians 5:22-23)
We believe that the Holy Spirit has gifts to bestow upon the Christian, and that we should show spiritual fruit as evidence of a Spirit-filled life.
13. **DIVINE HEALING** – (James 5:14-16; 1 Peter 2:24; Matthew 8:16-17)
We believe that divine healing, provided in the atonement of Christ, is the privilege of all believers, and that prayer for the sick and gifts of healing are encouraged and to be practiced.
14. **THE SECOND COMING OF CHRIST** – (1 Thessalonians 4:16-17; John 14:1-3)
We believe that the second coming of Christ is personal and imminent.
15. **CHURCH RELATIONSHIP** – (Acts 16:5; Hebrews 10:24-25)
We believe it is the sacred duty of Christ's followers to identify themselves with the visible church of Christ and to meet together for fellowship, worship, and the sacraments.
16. **CIVIL GOVERNMENT** – (Romans 13:1-5; Acts 5:29)
We believe that rulers should be upheld at all times, except in things opposed to the will of God.

17. **FINAL JUDGMENT** – (2 COR. 5:10)

We believe that all shall stand someday before the judgment seat of God; and there receive eternal life or death.

18. **HEAVEN** – (1 Corinthians 2:9)

We believe that heaven is the glorious eternal home of all who have believed on Christ Jesus as Lord and Saviour.

19. **HELL** – (Revelation 20:10,15)

We believe that hell is a place of eternal torment for Lucifer, the fallen angels, all who reject Christ as their Saviour.

20. **EVANGELISM** – (Matthew 28:19-20; James 5:20)

We believe that Christ's followers, the church, have been commissioned to go into all the world and make disciples by preaching and teaching the gospel of Christ, and by exemplifying the love and spirit of Christ in all aspects of life.

21. **TITHES AND OFFERINGS** – (Malachi 3:10; 2 Corinthians 9:7)

We believe that the method of God for the support of the spread of his cause on earth is through the tithes and freewill offerings of the body of Christ, which is the Church.