

# CONSTITUTION

## IMI/SOS INTERNATIONAL

### ARTICLE I

#### PURPOSE:

The purpose of IMI/SOS is to (1) proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ through preaching and teaching of the Holy Scriptures, (2) to assist local churches and related ministries with all available resources of IMI/SOS International, and (3) to minister to individuals involved in Christian ministry.

### ARTICLE 2

#### DOCTRINAL STATEMENT:

#### A. THE HOLY SCRIPTURES

We believe that the Bible, consisting of the 66 books of the Old and New Testaments, is inerrant in the original manuscripts and is the infallible and authoritative Word of God. (2 Tim. 3:16, 17; 2 Pet. 1:20-21; Matt. 5:18; John 16:12, 13)

#### B. THE GODHEAD

We believe that the one triune God exists eternally in three persons; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. (Deut. 6:4; 2 Cor. 13:14; Isa. 61:1)

#### C. THE PERSON AND WORK OF CHRIST

We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ, the eternal Son of God, became man without ceasing to be God; having been conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary; in order that He might reveal God and redeem sinful man. (Jn. 1, 2, 14; Luke 1:35)

#### D. THE TOTAL DEPRAVITY OF MAN

We believe that man was created in the image and likeness of God, but that in Adam's sin the race fell, inherited a sinful nature, and became alienated from God; that man is totally depraved and, of himself, utterly unable to remedy his lost condition. (Gen 1:26, 27; Rom. 3:22,23; 5:12; Eph. 2:1-3,12)

#### E. SALVATION

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 precious blood was shed on Calvary for the forgiveness of our sins. (Eph. 2:8-10; John 1:12; Eph. 1:7; I Pet. 1:18, 19)

#### F. ETERNAL SECURITY AND ASSURANCE OF BELIEVERS

1. We believe that all the redeemed, once saved, are kept by God's power and are thus secure in Christ forever. (Jn. 6:37-40; 10:27-30; Rom. 8:1,38,39; I Cor. 1:4-8; I Pet. 1:5)
2. We believe that it is the privilege of believers to rejoice in the assurance of their salvation through the testimony of God's Word; which, however, clearly forbids the use of Christian liberty as an occasion to the flesh. (Rom. 13:13,14; Gal. 5:13; Tit. 2:11-15)

#### G. THE CHURCH

We believe that the Church, which is the body and the espoused Bride of Christ, is a spiritual organism made up of all born-again persons of this present age. (Eph. 1:22, 23; 5:25-27; I Cor. 12:12-14)

1. We believe that the Scriptures set forth immersion as the method of baptism because it pictures the believer's death, burial, and resurrection with Christ into newness of life. We also believe this ordinance to be a commandment given by the Lord for all Believers. (Romans 6:1-6; Acts 8:36-37; Matthew 3:15-17)
2. We believe that "bread" (Matthew 26:26) and "fruit of the vine" (Matthew 26:29) used in the observance of the Lord's supper are symbolic of the broken body and poured out blood of the Lord Jesus; and that partaking of these elements is a command given by the Lord to all who believe. (I

Corinthians 11:23-25, Luke 22:19)

**I. SEPARATION**

1. We believe that all the saved should live in such a manner as not to bring reproach upon their Savior and Lord; and, that separation from all religious apostasy, all worldly and sinful pleasures, practices and associations is commanded of God (2 Timothy 3:1-5; Romans 12:1-2; Romans 14:13; John 2:15-17; 2 John 1:9-11; 2 Corinthians 6:14-7:1)
2. We believe that sexual intimacy is a wonderful gift of God that is only to be expressed between one man and one woman (as genetically defined), within the love and bonds of marriage (Genesis 2:24-25; Matthew 19:4-6; 1 Corinthians 7:3-5; Hebrews 13:4). Therefore, we believe that any other form of sexual intimacy is both immoral and a perversion of God's gift (Leviticus 18:1-30; Proverbs 6:32; 1 Corinthians 6:18; Romans 1:26-27; 1 Thessalonians 4:3-8; Hebrews 13:4).

**J. THE MINISTRY AND SPIRITUAL GIFTS**

1. We believe that God is sovereign in the bestowment of all His gifts; and, that the gifts of evangelists, pastors, and teachers are sufficient for the perfecting of the saints today; and, that speaking in tongues and the working of sign miracles gradually ceased as the New Testament Scriptures were completed and their authority became established (1 Corinthians 12:4-11; 2 Corinthians 12:12; Ephesians 4:7-12).
2. We believe that the biblical offices of pastor and elder in the church, or their equivalents, are restricted to biblically qualified men (1 Timothy 2:12; 3:1-7; Titus 1:5-9).
3. We believe that God does hear and answer the prayer of faith, in accord with His own will, for the sick and afflicted (John 15:7; 1 John 5:14-15).

**K. THE SECOND ADVENT OF CHRIST**

We believe in that "Blessed Hope", the personal, imminent, pre-tribulation, pre-millennial coming of the Lord Jesus Christ for His redeemed ones, and His subsequent return to earth with His saints to establish His Millennial Kingdom. (I Thess. 4:13-18; Zech. 14:4-11; Rev. 19:11-16; 20:1-6; I Thess. 1:10; 5:9; Rev. 3:10)

**L. THE ETERNAL STATE**

1. We believe in the bodily resurrection of all men; the saved to eternal life, the unsaved to judgment and everlasting punishment. (Matt. 25:46; Jn. 5:28-29; 11:25-26; Rev. 20:5, 6, 12, 13)
2. We believe that the souls of the redeemed are at death, absent from the body and present with the Lord; where in conscious bliss they await the first resurrection, when spirit, soul and body are reunited to be glorified for ever with the Lord. (Luke 23:43; Rev. 20:4-6; II Cor. 5:8; Phil. 1:23; I Thess. 4:16-17)
3. We believe that the souls of unbelievers remain, after death, in conscious misery until the second resurrection when, with soul and body reunited, they shall appear at the Great White Throne Judgment and shall be cast into the Lake of Fire; not to be annihilated, but to suffer everlasting conscious punishment. (Luke 16:19-26; Matt. 25:41-46; 2 Thess. 1:7-9; Jude vv 6-7; Mark 9:43-48; Rev. 20:11-15)

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