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Articles of Faith and Covenant of the
First Baptist Church of Niagara Falls N.Y.
Adopted February 3rd 1852.

Article 1 We believe the Scriptures both of the old and new Testament, are the word of God written by men ~~divine inspired~~, and contain the only perfect rules of faith and practice 2 Timothy 3 ch 16 v 17 bne 2 Peter 1 & 21 v.

Article 2 We believe that the Bible teaches among others the following Fundamental truths. 1st The existence of one only living and true God, in every natural and moral Perfection, sustaining the personal relation of Father Son & Holy Ghost the same in essence and equal in attributes. 1st Tim 3 Chap 5 Verse 1st John 5 ch 7 Verse Matthew 28 Chap 19.

Article 3 That man was made upright but by violating the law of his Creator, he fell from that state of rectitude; lost all communion with God and involved himself and all his posterity, in sin and misery so that mankind by nature loving darkness rather than light, are in a state of condemnation and the wrath of God abideth on them. Rom 6. 23. Gen 1. 26 Eccles 7. 29 Rom 2. 23. John 3. 29!

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Article 4 The only way of Salvation from this state of guilt and ruin, is through the perfect obedience and Expitory sufferings of Christ who died for the ungodly. And that those only who repent of their sins and believe on him will finally be saved by his atonement. John 3. 36. Acts 4. 12. Romans 5. 10.

Article 5 That all who have been or will be brought to repentance
and faith in the Gospel were elected according to the
foreknowledge of God the Father through sanctification of
the spirit into obedience and sprinkling of the blood
of Jesus Christ. Rom 8.29 & 30. 1st Peter 1. 2 Ephes 1st 4 & 5

Article 6 That regeneration and sanctification are produced by the Holy
Spirit through the instrumentality of the word of Truth.
Titus 3. 5 John 3. 5 1st Peter 1. 22. 23.

Article 7 That all true believers are kept by the power of God
through faith unto salvation and nothing can separate them
from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.
John 10. 27. 28. Phil 1. 6. Rom 8. 38. 39. 1st Peter 5. 10.

Article 8 That a Gospel Church is a number of Baptized believers
voluntarily associated together to maintain the worship
of God and build up His Kingdom in the world
acknowledging no other Head but Christ and no
religious authority but His Word. Acts 2. 41. 44. 47.
Ephes. 5. 23. 24. John 18. 36. Matt 18. 17.

Article 9 That Baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances
of Jesus Christ to be observed until His second
coming Matt 28. 19. 20. 1st Corin 11. 23. 26.

Article 10 That immersion in water in the name of the Father
Son, & Holy Ghost, is the only Gospel Baptism.
Matt 3. 5. 6. Mark 1. 9. 10. John 3. 23. Acts 8. 38. 39.
Rom 6. 3. 5. Gal 3. 27. Col 2. 12. 1st Peter 3. 20. 21.

Article 11 That penitent or believers are the only proper subjects
of Baptism.
Matt 3. 7. 9. Mark 16. 16. Acts 2. 38. Acts 8. 12. 36. 38

- Article.12 That those only who have gladly received the word of God, been baptized, added to the Church containing the Apostles doctrine, and in fellowship have a scriptural right to the Communion of the Lords table, in the ordinance of breaking bread. Acts 2. 41. 42. Matt 28. 20. John 14. 15 John 15. 14. Eph. 4. 45. Amos 3. 3. 1st Cor. 6. 14. Heb 13. 14. 1st Cor. 11. 27. Matt 15. 9.
- Article.13 That the first of the week called the Lords daye ought to be kept holy, as the Christian Sabbath, and that it is our indespensable duty to assemble together on that day to worship God, by prayer and thanksgiving attendance to his Word and ordinances & Singing his praise. Mark 16. 9. John 20. 19. 26. Acts 2. 1. Acts 26. 7. 1st Cor 16. 2. Romans 1. 10. Heb 10. 25. Col 3. 16.
- Article.14 The the only officers of a Gospel Church are Pastors otherwise called Bishops or Elders, and Deacons whose qualifications and duties, are pointed out in 1st Tim 3. 1. 12. Titus 1. 5. 9. acts 6. 2 to 20. acts 17. 28. Matt. 28. 19. 20.
- Article.15 That it is the duty of Christians, who are Heads of Families to maintain divine worship in their own houses daily by reading the scriptures & Social Prayer! Gen 8. 19. Josh 24. 15. Eph 6. 4. Jer. 10. 25.
- Article.16 That there will be a resurrection of the body both of the just and unjust John 11. 25. 1st Cor 15. 21. Luke 14. 14. acts 14. 15 John 5. 28. 29. Dan. 12. 2 3.
- Article.17. That Christ shall come the second time to judge both the Quick & dead. when he shall sentence all the wicked to everlasting punishment and receive the righteous into life eternal. Heb 9. 24. Acts 17. 31. 2nd Timothy 4. 1. Matt 18. 43. Matt 25. 34. 41. 46. 2 Thess 1. 5. 7. 10. Dan. 12. 2 3.