

Southwest Harbor Congregational Church's Statement of Faith

- i. We believe the Bible, consisting of the 66 books of the Old and New Testaments¹, to be the only inspired², inerrant³, infallible⁴, authoritative⁵ Word of God written⁶, and it is sufficient for all faith and living a Christian life⁷.
- ii. We believe there is one God⁸, eternally existent⁹ in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit¹⁰. We believe that this triune God created the universe from nothing and upholds it by His power.¹¹
- iii. We believe in the full deity of Christ¹², His virgin birth¹³, His full humanity¹⁴, His sinless life¹⁵, His substitutionary¹⁶ and atoning death¹⁷, His burial¹⁸, His bodily resurrection¹⁹, His bodily ascension to the right hand of the Father²⁰, His intercession on behalf of all believers²¹, and His personal return in power and glory²².
- iv. We believe that because of the sin of the first man, Adam²³, we are depraved, corrupt by nature²⁴, dead in sin²⁵, and subjected to the wrath of God²⁶.

¹ 2 Pt 3:15; Lk 16:29 & 31; Lk 24:27 & 44; Jn 5:46-47

² 2 Tm 3:16; 2 Pt 1:19-21; Jn 10:34-36; Heb 6:18

³ Heb 6:18; Jn 17:17; Nm 23:19; 2 Sm 7:28

⁴ Ps 33:4; Is 55:6-9; Heb 11:16; Mt 22:29; 2 Pt 1:19; 1 Tm 1:15

⁵ 2 Pt 3:16; 2 Tm 3:16; Heb 6:18

⁶ Jn 20:30-31

⁷ Heb 11:1-4; Rom 10:14 & 17

⁸ Dt 6:4

⁹ Ex 3:14-15; Dt 33:27; Rv 1:8, 4:8, 21:6, 22:13

¹⁰ Gn 1:1-3; Mt 3:16-17, 28:18-19; Mk 1:10-11; Acts 1:4-5; 2 Cor 13:14

¹¹ Gn 1:1; Job 38:4; Ps 146:6; Is 42:4; Jn 1:1-3; Col 1:15-17

¹² Mt 1:23, 26:63-64; Lk. 23:42-43, 67-71; Jn 1:1, 14 & 18, 6:39, 10:27-30; Phil 2:6; Col 2:9

¹³ Is 7:14; Mt 1:18-23; Lk. 1:26-34

¹⁴ Lk. 3:21; Jn 1:1&14; Gal 4:4; Phil 2:7-8; Col 2:9; Heb 2:14

¹⁵ Mt 4:1-11; 2 Cor 5:21; Heb 2:17, 4:15; 7:24-26; 1 Pt 1:19, 2:22

¹⁶ Is 53:5; Mk 10:45; Rom 5:19; 2 Cor 5:21; Gal 3:13; Heb 2:9; 1 Pt 2:24, 3:18

¹⁷ Rom 3:25; 1 Jn 2:2; 4:10

¹⁸ Mt 27:57-61; Mk 15:42-47; Lk 11:29-30, 23:50-56; Jn 19:38-42; 1 Cor 15:4a

¹⁹ Mt 28:5-6; Mk 16:6; Lk. 24:33 & 39; Jn 20:24-28; Rom 4:25; 1 Cor 15:4b

²⁰ Mk 16:19; Lk. 22:69, 24:50-51; Jn 20:17; Acts 1:9-10, 5:30-31; Rom 8:34; Eph 1:19b-21; 1 Tm 3:16; Heb 4:14;

1 Pt 3:21b-22

²¹ Rom 8:34; Heb 7:25; 9:24; 1 Jn 2:1-2

²² Mt 16:27, 24:30, 25:31-33; Jn 14:1-3; Acts 1:11; 1Thes 4:15-17; Rv 11:15, 19:11-16, 21:3

²³ Gn 3:6; Rom 5:12

²⁴ Ps 51:5; Is 53:6; Jer 17:9; Jn 3:6; Rom 3:23, 5:12, 19; Eph 2:1-3a; 1 Jn 1:8

²⁵ Ez 37:1-10; Rom 3:23, 6:23, 7:9-11; Eph 2:1, 12

²⁶ Mt 25: 31-46; Rom 1:18-20, 2:5, 5:9; Eph 2:3b; Rv 20:11-15

- v. We believe God calls sinners to repent and justifies them by grace²⁷ through faith²⁸ in Christ alone²⁹, based on His righteous life, atoning death and glorious resurrection. As such, we are regenerated by the Holy Spirit³⁰ and become new creatures³¹, delivered from condemnation³² and receive eternal life³³.
- vi. We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit³⁴ by whose indwelling power³⁵, the Christian is enabled to live progressively a godly life³⁶ in this present evil world³⁷.
- vii. We believe in the bodily resurrection of both the saved and the lost in the final judgment; those who are lost unto the resurrection of damnation, and those who are saved unto the resurrection of life.³⁸

²⁷ Ps 103:8-12; Is55:7; Rom 3:21-24, 6:11; Cor 5:21, Gal 2:21; Eph 1:7-8, 2:8-9; Col 1:12b, 14, 2:13-14

²⁸ Hb 2:4; Jn 8:11; Acts 2:27-28; Rom 6:1-2; Gal 2:16-20, 3:11, 3:21-25; Eph 2:8-9; 1Jn 1:9

²⁹ Jn 14:6; Acts 4: 12; Rom 5:19

³⁰ Jn 3:5-8; Acts 2:1-4, 38-41; iCor 2:10-14

³¹ Jn 3: 5-8; Rom 6:4-6; 2 Cor 5:17

³² Jn 5:24; Rom 3:21-22, 8:1-2, 35-37

³³ Jn 3:15-16,36, 4:14, 5:24,10:27-30;Rom 6:23;1Tm 1:16; 1Jn 5:11-13; Rv 22:1-5

³⁴ Jn 7:38-39, 14:16, 16:7&8,12-15; Acts 2:17-18, 38; 1 Cor 2:10-14; Eph 4:3; Ti 3:5-7; 2 Pt 1:19-21

³⁵ Jn 16:7-8, 20:22; Acts 1:8; Eph 5:18-20; 1 Pt 1:10-11

³⁶ Jn 16:13-15; Rom 8:14-16, 26-27; 1 Cor 2:13-14, 12:7; Gal 5:16, 22-26

³⁷ Gn 6:5, 8:21; Mt 4:8-9; Jn 12:31; Rom 12:2; Eph 2:2, 6:10-13; Col 3:7; Jas 3:2&8

³⁸ Mt 12:36-37, 25:31-46; Jn 5:28-29; Acts 17:31, 24:15; Rom 2:5-8; 2 Cor 5:10; Phil 3:21; 2 Thes 1:8-9; Jude 5; Rv 20:11-15