

Anago Partners' Doctrinal Statement

What We Believe

WE BELIEVE IN GOD There is one living and true God who is infinite in being and perfection and He is Creator of all things. He exists in three persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

WE BELIEVE IN THE BIBLE God has revealed Himself to mankind, without error, through inspired Scripture which is the Word of God and thus the rule of faith and life.

WE BELIEVE IN GOOD WORKS Mankind's efforts can never provide salvation, however good works done in obedience to God's commandments, and empowered by his grace, are the evidence of genuine faith.

WE BELIEVE IN THE FINAL JUDGMENT God has appointed a day wherein Jesus will return and judge the world in righteousness. The day and hour of this judgment is unknown to mankind.

WE BELIEVE IN HEAVEN AND HELL At the end of days, Jesus will return and all will be judged. Those in Christ will live forever with Him in Heaven, (the world will be made perfect, and we will be given perfected bodies). Those not in Christ will be forever separated from God, cast into Hell.

WE BELIEVE IN THE SACRAMENT of BAPTISM: Baptism is ordained by Jesus as the sign of the Covenant (replacing the sign of circumcision). The element is water, and all three modes are equally valid: sprinkling; pouring, or immersion. Baptism is administered to adults who profess faith, as well as their children including infants.

WE BELIEVE IN THE SACRAMENT of THE LORD'S SUPPER: Jesus instituted the sacrament of the Lord's Supper as a bond and pledge of his communion with believers. The elements, bread and wine, are sometimes called by what they represent: the body and blood of Jesus Christ. However, they do not actually become his body and blood.

WE BELIEVE IN THE GOSPEL For no reason other than his own glory, God has elected some who are redeemed by the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, are called to faith by the Holy Spirit, and are justified, adopted into the family of God, and sanctified. This is salvation.

WE BELIEVE IN THE FALL OF MAN Adam and Eve sinned in the Garden and fell from their original righteousness and communion with God and became dead in sin – wholly defiled in soul and body.

WE BELIEVE IN ORIGINAL SIN The guilt of our first parents' sin is imputed to us – thus we are born corrupt and opposed to God, deserving of his wrath.

WE BELIEVE IN ONE COVENANT OF GRACE God has always had one plan to restore his communion with mankind – the Covenant of Grace. God offers life and salvation by Jesus on condition of faith in Jesus Christ. In the days of the Old Testament this was administered differently (looking forward to the coming of Jesus) than in the present days (Christ is with us), but it is one and the same Covenant.

WE BELIEVE IN JESUS CHRIST AS SAVIOR Jesus is fully God and fully man – He took on human form and yet lived a sinless life. Jesus was crucified unto death yet he rose from the dead on the third day and ascended into Heaven where He now sits at the right hand of the Father. His sacrifice has fully satisfied the justice of the Father for the sins of those who believe in Him and has restored to them communion with God.

WE BELIEVE IN PERSEVERANCE Salvation comes not from our own works but from God's eternal plan, his unchanging love, Jesus' perfect righteousness, and the abiding of the Holy Spirit. All of these are certain and unchanging and so we are assured our salvation will persevere to the end.

WE BELIEVE IN JUSTIFICATION & SANCTIFICATION Justification (being made right with God) comes from Christ's righteousness alone. Sanctification (the process of being made more like Jesus) is lifelong. The corrupted flesh remains, warring against the Spirit within us. Over time, relying on the strength of Jesus, sin will be overcome, but never perfectly until glory.