

When was the last time you felt free to tell someone what you believed about something...anything? “Conventional wisdom” says we can talk about **anything except politics and religion**. So here we are in 2020. Politics are at last in the rear-view mirror. We wish! But, on that other subject, how confident are you in essential matters of what we say we believe? Today, we are focusing on the last few items of our Statement of Faith. What is your authority for what you believe? Can you articulate the what’s and whys of our shared faith? Pay close attention to **these essentials**. What difference do these make in your life?

How are you growing in your understanding and application of the flowing matters of doctrine?

- **Ordinances: Baptism and the Lord’s Supper – Romans 6:3-5; 1 Cor. 11:23-28**

Church: Matt. 16:18; Acts 2:41-42

- **Future things: 1 Thess. 4:13-18; 1 Cor. 15:22-24, 42-58; Rev. 20:11-15**

- **Civil Government: Rom. 13:1-7; 1 Tim. 2:1-4; 1 Peter 2:13-17**

We also say, “In non-essentials, we have liberty, and in all our beliefs we show charity.”

- *How have you shown charity to those in the body of Christ who cherish beliefs that are different than yours?*



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We Believe In...

Colossians 2:9-12

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