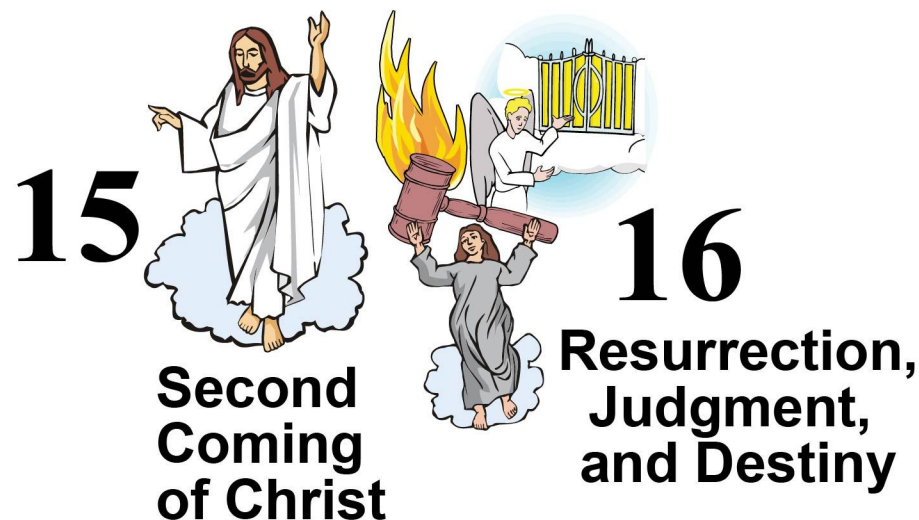
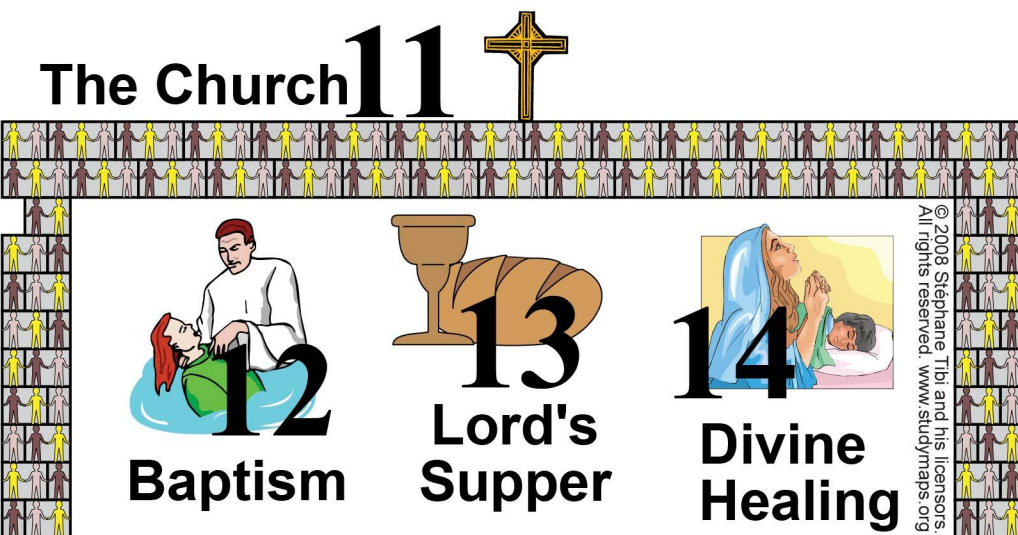
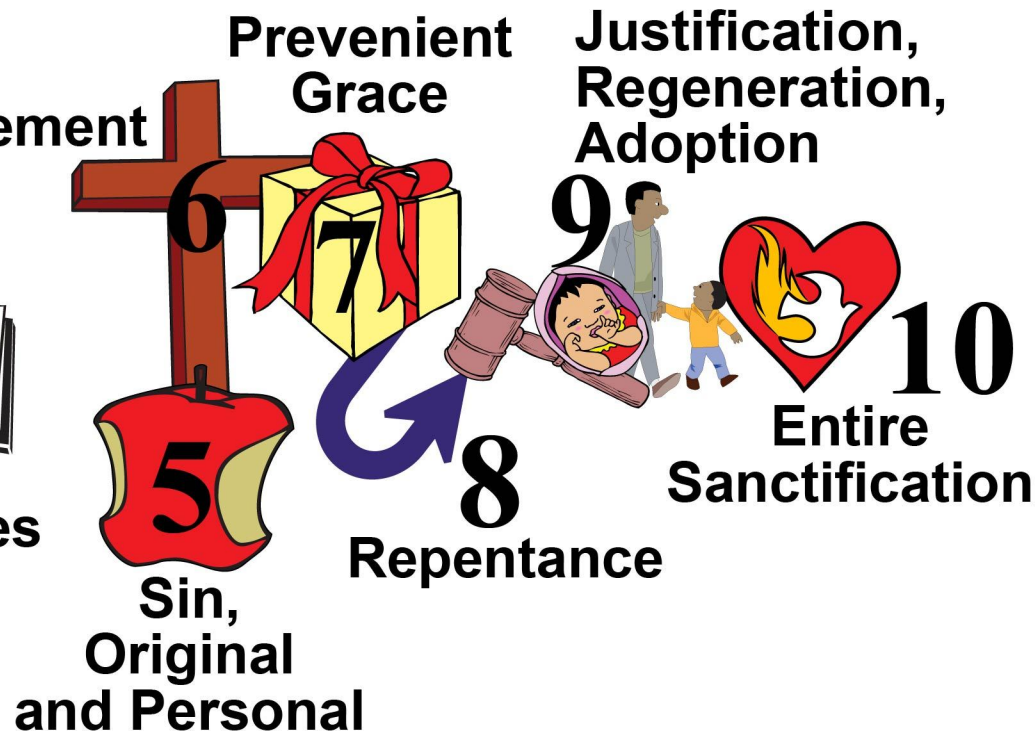
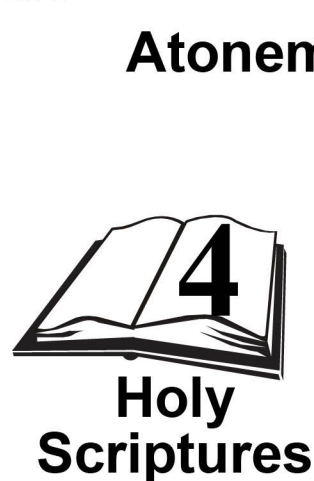
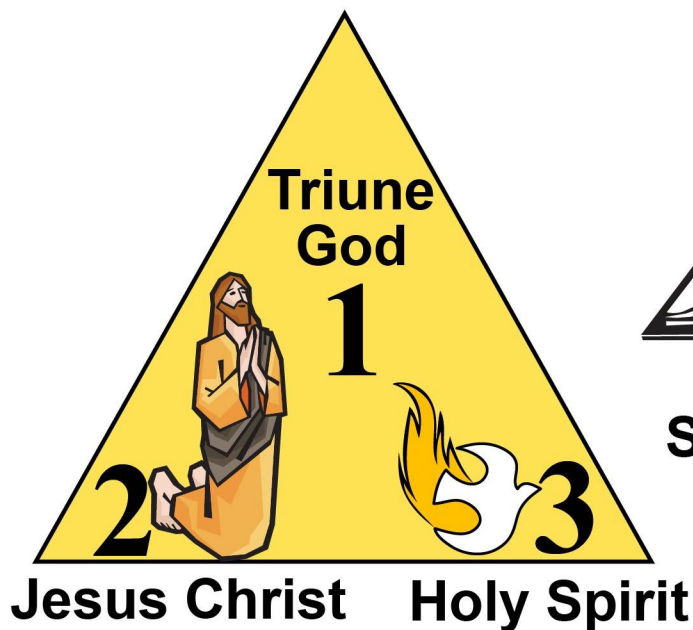


Church of the Nazarene

Articles of Faith



Guide for the StudyMap on 16 Articles of Faith

This guide is a way to teach the Articles of Faith and how they relate to each other. The text for the Articles of Faith is in the *Manual of the Church of the Nazarene 2005-2009* and cannot be replaced by the explanations below.

1. **The Triune God**—We believe in one eternal and infinite God. This article is illustrated by a triangle.
2. **Jesus Christ**—We believe in Jesus Christ. Jesus is represented kneeling because He came as a servant, to teach us how much God loves humanity.
3. **The Holy Spirit**—We believe in the Holy Spirit. The picture represents the Holy Spirit as a dove.
4. **The Holy Scriptures**—We believe in the Holy Scriptures. The picture of a book represents the Holy Scriptures as the written Word of God.
5. **Sin, Original and Personal**—We believe in sin: original and personal. The apple eaten on both sides reminds us of Adam's original sin and our personal sin.
6. **Atonement**—We believe in atonement through Jesus' death on a cross. The picture of the cross is on the top of the eaten apple, because the cross crushed sin.
7. **Prevenient Grace**—We believe in prevenient grace (God's gift). The picture represents a gift in a box, ready to be opened.
8. **Repentance**—We believe in repentance. The picture of a returning arrow shows that repentance involves a change of attitude. The Spirit of God helps provide humility and the hope of God's mercy.
9. **Justification, Regeneration, and Adoption**—We believe in justification, regeneration, and adoption.
 - *Justification*—The judge's gavel represents the judgment of God that graciously forgives us, recognizes us as righteous, and acquits us (Rom. 3:21-26).
 - *Regeneration or New Birth*—The picture of the baby shows that, by the grace of God, we become a new creation (John 3, 2 Cor. 5:17).
 - *Adoption as a Child of God*—The picture of a father welcoming his child reminds us of God's grace adopting us into His family (Rom. 8:15-17).
10. **Entire Sanctification**—We believe in entire sanctification. The picture of the dove within a heart symbolizes that entire sanctification is the fullness of the Spirit (dove) or as loving God with all our heart, mind, and soul, and loving our neighbor as ourselves (heart).
11. **The Church**—We believe in the Church. The picture shows the exterior of a building although the Church is a community of believers, united with God through Jesus, not a building. Each brick has a person in it, expressing that Church members are connected and that we welcome God to reign among us and shine through us. Yet, a brick is missing in the top-left corner of the building, reminding us that the Church is not "someone else." It is important that we become part of the Church, filling the gap and bringing our gifts to the service of God in the Christian community.
12. **Baptism**—We believe in Christian baptism. The picture of someone being immersed into water by a servant of God shows one way someone could be baptized.
13. **Lord's Supper**—We believe in the Lord's Supper. The picture shows bread and a cup, the two parts of the Lord's Supper.
14. **Divine Healing**—We believe God heals our bodies in different ways. The picture of someone praying to God near a sick person stresses that prayer is a key element in divine healing.
15. **Second Coming of Christ**—We believe that Jesus will come again. The picture shows Jesus coming from heaven with clouds under his feet.
16. **Resurrection, Judgment, and Destiny**—We believe that the dead will be resurrected and judged; those who have done good will inherit eternal life and those who have done evil damnation. The bottom picture shows someone rising from the dead, the picture of the gavel represents judgment, and the top pictures illustrate the two destinies: hell (fire) for those condemned for having done evil, and an angel at the gates of heaven welcoming those who believed in Jesus and done good.



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