

Articles of Incorporation

of [Church Name]

Article I – Name

The name of the corporation is:

[Church Name]

Article II – Duration

This corporation shall have **perpetual existence**.

Article III – Purpose

This corporation is organized exclusively for **religious, charitable, and educational purposes** within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

The specific purposes include:

- To preach and teach the Gospel of Jesus Christ
 - To conduct religious worship services
 - To promote spiritual growth and discipleship
 - To engage in charitable outreach and community service
 - To operate ministries consistent with biblical principles
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Article IV – Nonprofit Nature

This corporation is a nonprofit religious organization. No part of the net earnings shall benefit any private individual, except as reasonable compensation for services rendered.

Article V – IRS Compliance (501(c)(3) Language)

Section 1: Limitations

No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be:

- Carrying on propaganda
- Attempting to influence legislation

The corporation shall not participate in any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office.

Section 2: Tax-Exempt Status

The corporation shall operate in a manner consistent with the requirements for tax exemption under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Article VI – Dissolution Clause

Upon the dissolution of the corporation:

- all properties shall be distributed exclusively for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.
 - Such properties may be distributed to the *Defenders of the Christian Faith Movement, Inc.*, or to a church or nonprofit organization with similar religious and charitable purposes.
 - No part of the corporation's properties shall be distributed to any private individual.
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Article VII – Registered Office and Agent

The address of the registered office is:

[Street Address, City, State, ZIP]

The name of the registered agent is:

[Full Name]

Article VIII – Incorporator

The name and address of the incorporator is:

Name: [Full Name]

Address: [Address]

Article IX – Board of Directors (Optional but Recommended)

The initial Board of Directors shall consist of:

- **[Name]** – [Address]
 - **[Name]** – [Address]
 - **[Name]** – [Address]
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Article X – Membership (Optional)

- This corporation shall have members
- This corporation shall not have members

(Choose one based on your structure)

Article XI – Governance

The corporation shall be governed by its **Bylaws**, as adopted by the Board of Directors.

Article XII – Indemnification (Optional but Recommended)

The corporation shall indemnify its directors and officers to the fullest extent permitted by law.

Article XIII – Execution

The undersigned incorporator hereby executes these Articles of Incorporation on this day:

Date: _____

Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____
