

What We Believe

About God

God is the Creator and Ruler of the universe. He has eternally existed (and will continue to exist for all time) in three persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. These three are co-equal and are one with God.

Genesis 1:1&26-27; 3:22; Psalm 90:2; Matthew 28:19; 1 Peter 1:2; 2 Corinthians 13:14

About Jesus Christ

Jesus Christ is the Son of God. He is co-equal with the Father. Jesus lived a sinless human life and offered Himself as the perfect sacrifice for the sins of all people by dying on a cross. He arose from the dead after three days to demonstrate His power over sin and death. He ascended to Heaven's glory and will return again someday to reign as King of Kings, and Lord of Lords.

Matthew 1:22-23; Isaiah 9:6; John 1:1-5; 14:10-30; Hebrews 4:14-15; 1 Corinthians 15:3-4; Romans 1:3-4; Acts 1:9-11; 1 Timothy 6:14-15; Titus 2:13

About the Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit is co-equal with the Father and the Son of God. He is present in the world to make people aware of their need for Jesus Christ. He also lives in every Christian person from the moment of salvation. He provides the Christian with power for living, understanding of spiritual truth, and guidance in doing what is right. He gives every believer a spiritual gift when they are saved. As Christians we seek to live under His control daily.

2 Corinthians 3:17; John 16:7-13; 14:16-17; Acts 1:8; 1 Corinthians 2:12; 3:16; Ephesians 1:13; 5:18; Galatians 5:25

About the Bible

The Bible is the only inspired Word of God, written by human authors under the supernatural guidance of the Holy Spirit. It is the final and only authority of truth and revelation for all Christian people.

2 Timothy 1:13; 3:16; Psalm 12:6; 119:105; 160; 2 Peter 1:20-21; Proverbs 30:5

About Sin

We believe that all people are created in the image of God and have tremendous potential for good, but we are all marred by an attitude of disobedience toward God called sin. As a result of our sin, we have a shattered and broken relationship with God that can only be made whole through Jesus Christ.

Genesis 1:27; Psalm 8:3-6; Isaiah 53:6a; 59:1-2; Romans 3:23

About Salvation

Salvation is God's free gift (grace) to us but we must accept it by acknowledging Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior (confessing); turning from our sinful life-style (repentance); and trusting in Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of our sins. Faith, confession, and

repentance are followed by baptism by immersion for the forgiveness of sins and to receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. We can never make up for our sin by self-improvement or good works.

Romans 5:1; 6:23; Ephesians 2:8-9; John 1:12; 14:6; Titus 3:5; Galatians 3:26; Acts 2:38

About Baptism

When we accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior of our life, we are commanded in the Bible to be baptized by immersion in order to receive forgiveness of our sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:37-39). Baptism alone does not save us, rather it is done out of obedience to Jesus Christ. Baptism also illustrates how God cleanses us of our sins as well as how He raises us to new life in Jesus Christ.

Matthew 28:19-20; Mark 1:9-11; Galatians 3:26-27; Acts 8:26-40; 9:17-19; 10:47-48; 16:15; 16:29-33; Romans 6:3-4; 1 Peter 3:21

About Eternity

We are created to exist forever. We will either exist eternally separated from God by sin, or eternally with God through the forgiveness and salvation of Jesus Christ. To be eternally separated from God is called Hell. To be eternally in union with God is called Heaven. Heaven and Hell are real places of eternal existence. Eternal life begins the moment we receive Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior of our life.

John 3:16; 14:17; Romans 6:23; 8:17-18; Revelation 20:15; 21:27; 1 Corinthians 2:7-9; Matthew 25:41

About Spiritual Gifts

Every disciple of Jesus Christ has been given specific gifts and talents by the Holy Spirit to advance the kingdom of God. These gifts and talents are to be diligently developed and used at home, church, and in society.

Romans 12:3-8; 1 Corinthians 12:1-11; Ephesians 4:11-13; Matthew 25:14-30