

The Bible

We believe the Scripture, both Old and New Testaments, is verbally inspired by God. We believe that the Bible is inerrant in the original writings, and it is the Christian's final authority in faith and conduct.

(Mark 12:26, 36; 13:11; Luke 24:27, 44; John 5:39; Acts 1:16; 17:2-3; 18:28; 26:22-23; 28:23; Romans 15:4; 1 Corinthians 2:13; 10:11; 2 Timothy 3:16-17; 2 Peter 1:21; Hebrews 3:16-17)

God

We believe in one God, the Creator and Sustainer of everything. God is infinitely perfect and He eternally exists in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

(Genesis 1:2; Exodus 20:11; Deuteronomy 6:4; Isaiah 7:14; 9:6; Matthew 28:18-19; Mark 12:29; John 1:1,14; Acts 5:3-4; 2 Cor. 13:14; Heb. 1:1-3; Rev. 1:4-6)

The Person and Work of Christ

We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ is the eternal Son of God who became a man without ceasing to be God to reveal God to men, to fulfill prophecy, and to die for the sins of all mankind as a substitutionary sacrifice. He was miraculously conceived of the Holy Spirit and born of a virgin, taking on a fully human body with a sinless nature, and becoming completely human while remaining completely divine at the same time. We believe that after His death He arose bodily for our justification. We believe that He is now exalted at the right hand of God as Head of the Church. Christ is Lord of the individual believer, fulfilling His ministry as our Great High Priest and Advocate.

(John 1:1-3, 14, 18; Matthew 1:16-25; Luke 1:30-35; Philippians 2:5-8, Colossians 1:16-17; Hebrews 1:1-2, 4:15; Romans 1:4, 4:25; 1 Corinthians 15:1-58; 1 Timothy 2:5-6; 1 John 2:2; Hebrews 10:5-14; 1 Peter 1:3-5; Acts 1:9; Romans 8:34; Ephesians 1:20-23; Colossians 1:18; Hebrews 1:3, 7:25; 1 John 2:1)

The Ministry of the Holy Spirit

We believe that the ministry of the Holy Spirit is to glorify the Lord Jesus Christ. We believe that He convicts the world of sin and regenerates believing sinners, baptizing them into the church (which is the Body of Christ). We believe that He indwells, guides, instructs, and empowers believers for godly living and service. We believe that He gives spiritual gifts to each believer and that He fills those who yield themselves to Him.

(John 14:16-17; 16:7-15; 1 Corinthians 6:19; Ephesians 2:22; 2 Thessalonians 2:7; John 3:6; 16:7-11; Romans 8:9; 1 Corinthians 12:13; Ephesians 4:30; 5:18; 2 Thessalonians 2:7; 1 John 2:20-27; 1 Corinthians 12:7-11; 1 Corinthians 14)

Salvation

We believe that salvation is God's free gift. Salvation is neither merited nor secured in part or in whole by any human virtue, work, ceremony, or effort. We receive God's gift only through personal faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. In Christ, all true believers have as a present possession: eternal life, perfect righteousness, and adoption into God's family. Christians also enjoy every spiritual resource needed for life and godliness, and have the divine guarantee that we shall never perish. God has delivered believers from all condemnation, therefore we have eternal security in Christ.

(Leviticus 17:11; Isaiah 64:6; Matthew 26:28; John 3:7-18; Romans 5:6-9; 2 Corinthians 5:21; Galatians 3:13, 6:15; Ephesians 1:7; Philippians 3:4-9; Titus 3:5; James 1:18; 1 Peter 1:18-19, 23; John 1:12, 3:16, 18, 36, 5:24, 6:29, 14:6; Acts 13:39, 16:31; Romans 1:16-17, 3:22, 26, 4:5, 10:4; Galatians 3:22; John 6:35-40; 10:28-30; 11:25-27; Luke 10:20, 22:32; Romans 8:28-39; 2 Corinthians 5:1, 6-8; 2 Timothy 1:12; Hebrews 10:22; 1 John 5:13)

Man

We believe that God created man in His image. But man sinned, incurring not only physical death, but also spiritual death (separation from God), which all people inherit from Adam. We believe that mankind is subject to Satan's power; and that people, within themselves, have no means of salvation.

(Genesis 1:26; 2:17; 3:1-19; 6:5; Psalms 14:1-3; 51:5; Jeremiah 17:9; John 3:6-18; 5:40; 6:35; Romans 3:10-20, 23; 8:6-7, 12-21; Ephesians 2:1-3; 1 Timothy 5:6; 1 John 3:8)

The Church

We believe that the true Church is composed of all who, through saving faith in Jesus Christ, have been regenerated by the Holy Spirit. We also believe that those who are thus members of the true Church are eligible for membership in the local church. During this present age (e.g, the age of Grace, or the Church age), we believe that God commands believers to be baptized and to observe the Lord's Supper. We do not believe these commands are optional; however, we do not regard participation in these ordinances as a means of salvation.

(Matthew 16:16-18; Acts 2:42-47; Romans 12:5; 1 Corinthians 12:12-27; Ephesians 1:20-23; 4:3-10; Colossians 3:14-15; Matthew 28:19; Luke 22:19-20; Acts 10:47-48; 16:32-33; 18:7-8; 1 Corinthians 11:26)

The Blessed Hope

We believe in the personal, imminent, and premillennial coming of our Lord. First, He will come to receive His own to Himself; later, He will set up His earthly kingdom and reign over redeemed Israel. At that time Christ will also reign over all nations, bringing peace and blessing to the world. We believe that this blessed hope has a vital bearing on our personal lives and service.

(John 14:1-3; 1 Corinthians 15:51-52; Philippians 3:20; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Titus 2:11-14; Daniel 9:27; Matthew 24:15-21; Revelation 6:1-19:21; Deuteronomy 30:1-10; Isaiah 11:9; Ezekiel 37:21-28; Matthew 24:15-25:46; Acts 15:16-17; Romans 8:19-23; 11:25-27; 1 Timothy 4:1-3; 2 Timothy 3:1-5; Revelation 20:1-3)

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The Christian's Walk

We believe that God calls us with a holy calling to live not according to the sinful nature (the "flesh"), but according to His Spirit. God wants us to live in the power of His indwelling Holy Spirit, so we will not fulfill the lusts of our fallen nature, which functions through our physical bodies. We believe that the fallen, Adamic nature within us cannot be eradicated in this life. Therefore, keeping ourselves constantly in subjection to Christ, we must allow God's Holy Spirit to live through us in our daily 'walk' of faith. Otherwise, the flesh will certainly demonstrate its presence in our lives, to the dishonor of the Lord.

(Galatians 5:22-25; Luke 14:25-33; Colossians 1:24-29; Romans 6:12-23; Hebrews 5:13,14; 1 Corinthians 2:14-3:4; 1 Corinthians 10:1-13; Galatians 5:16-21; Matthew 6:19-21; 1 Corinthians 9:24-27; 2 Corinthians 5:10, 14; Galatians 5:22-24; Hebrews 12:2-11; 1 John 2:28; 4:19; Romans 12:6; 1 Corinthians 12:4-11; Ephesians 4:11; 1 Corinthians 3:9-15; 9:18-27; 2 Corinthians 5:10)

The Eternal State

We believe that the souls of those of us who have trusted the Lord Jesus Christ for salvation immediately pass into His presence at death. There we remain in conscious bliss until the resurrection of our bodies at Christ's coming for His Church. Then, with our souls united with our glorified bodies, we will live with Him forever in glory. We believe that God will punish unbelievers with everlasting separation from His presence and His glory.

(Luke 16:19-31; 23:42; 2 Corinthians 5:8; Philippians 1:23; 2 Thessalonians 1:6-10; 2 Peter 3:8-13; Jude 6-7; Revelation 20:1-15; 21:1-22)

Satan

We believe that Satan is a person: a fallen angel, the agent of the fall of man, and the god of this age. However, we also believe that he is the Christian's defeated enemy. His destiny is eternal punishment.

(Isaiah 14:12-17; Ezekiel 28:11-19; 1 Timothy 3:6; 2 Peter 2:4; Jude 6; Luke 15:10; Ephesians 1:21; Hebrews 1:14; Revelation 7:12; Genesis 3:1-19; Romans 5:12-14; 2 Corinthians 4:3-4; 11:13-15; Ephesians 6:10-12; 2 Thessalonians 2:4; 1 Timothy 4:1-3; Colossians 2:15; Revelation 20:1-3, 10)

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