

WHAT WE BELIEVE

ABOUT GOD:

God is the Creator and Ruler of the universe. He has eternally existed in three personalities: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

(Matthew 5:16, 45, 6:1,4,8,9; James 1:17; John 1:1; Genesis 1:2; John 4:24, 14:16-20; 2 Peter 1:21)

ABOUT JESUS CHRIST:

Jesus Christ is the Son of God. He is co-equal with the Father. Jesus was born of a virgin, lived a sinless human life, suffered and was crucified under Pontius Pilate, and offered himself as a perfect sacrifice for the sins of all people by dying on the cross. He arose from the dead after three days to demonstrate His power over sin and death. He ascended to Heaven's glory and one day will return to judge both the living and the dead.

(John 1:14; 1 John 4:9, John 3:16; 2 Peter 3:18; Matthew 21:11; John 19:19; Romans 5:15-17; Colossians 2:9; 1 John 1:1; Mathew 1:18; Luke 1:26-38, 23:1-46; John 20:24-29; 1 Corinthians 15:3-8; Acts 1:1-11, 10:39-42; 1 Peter 4:5)

ABOUT THE HOLY SPIRIT:

The Holy Spirit is co-equal with the Father and Son of God. He is present in the world to make men aware of their need for Jesus Christ. He indwells every Christian and provides guidance for living in obedience to the Word of God.

(John 15:5-15; Acts 1:7-8; Romans 8:26-27; 1 Corinthians 3:16; 6:19; 2 Timothy 1:14)

ABOUT THE BIBLE:

The Bible is God's Word to us. We believe God inspired the autographs (original writings) of the Scripture and those autographs were without error. It is the supreme source of truth for a Christian's beliefs and living.

(Mark 12:36; John 14:26, 16:12-15; Acts 1:16; 1 Corinthians 2:12-13; 2 Timothy 3:14-16; 2 Peter 1:20-21; Isaiah 40:8; Matthew 5:18, 24:35; Romans 15:4; Hebrews 4:12)

ABOUT HUMAN BEINGS:

People were made in the image of God, to be like Him in character. Although every person had tremendous potential for good, all of us are marred by an attitude of disobedience toward God called "sin". Mankind continually chooses to willfully sin against God and is consequently lost and without hope apart from Jesus Christ.

(Matthew 26:28; Acts 4:12; Romans 3:23, 6:23, 5:9; Ephesians 2:8-9; 1 Peter 1:18-19; 1 John 1:7)

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ABOUT THE CHURCH:

The Church is the body of Christ here on earth and exists to make fully devoted followers (disciples) of Jesus Christ. Those who belong to His Church have been commissioned to utilize their spiritual gifts to help advance His kingdom here on earth.

(Matthew 28:18-20; Romans 12:3-8; 1 Corinthians 3:16-17; Ephesians 2:10, 5:22-30)

ABOUT SALVATION:

Salvation is God's free gift to us but we must accept it. We can never make up for our sin by self-improvement or good works. Only by submitting to the authority of Jesus Christ as God's offer of forgiveness can anyone be saved from sin's penalty. We believe that salvation; the forgiveness of sins and a new transformed life is only available through God's only Son, Jesus Christ. His grace, that was made available through the shedding of His blood on a cross, is our avenue to a right relationship with God. We believe man has a free will and must choose to follow Christ.

(Romans 5:1-2; Luke 24:45-47; Acts 3:19, 17:30; 2 Peter 3:9; Matthew 26:28; Ephesians 2:8-9; 1 Peter 1:18-19; 1 John 1:7-8; Acts 2:27-38; Romans 6:1-7; Galatians 3:27; Colossians 2:12; 1 Peter 3:21)

ABOUT BAPTISM:

We believe that the best response to hearing the good news of Christ is to allow our faith (trust) in Christ to compel us to turn from our sinful way of life (repentance) and unite ourselves with Christ in baptism (immersed in water). The ordinance of baptism by immersion is commanded by the Scriptures. All who repent and believe on Christ as Savior and Lord are to be baptized. Thus, they declare to the world that they have died with Christ and that they also have been raised with Him to walk in newness of life.

(Matthew 28:19; Mark 16:16; Acts 10:47,48; Romans 6:4)

ABOUT ETERNITY:

People were created to exist forever. We will either exist eternally separated from God by sin, or eternally with Him through grace and forgiveness. To be eternally separated from Him is Hell. To be eternally in His presence is Heaven. Heaven and Hell are real places of eternal existence.

(John 3:16, 14:1; Romans 6:23, 8:17-18; Revelation 20:15, 21:1-22:21)