

OUR BELIEFS

I. God.

God is the Creator and Ruler of the universe. He has existed eternally in three persons: the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. These three are co-equal and are one God. *Genesis 1:1, Genesis 1:26-27, Genesis 3:22, Psalm 90:2, Matthew 28:19, 1 Peter 1:2, 2 Corinthians 13:14*

II. Jesus.

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 men by dying on a cross. He arose from the dead on the third day to demonstrate His power over sin and death. He ascended to heaven and will return again to reign as King of Kings and Lord of Lords. *Matthew 1:22-23, Isaiah 9:6, John 1:1-5, John 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*

III. The Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit is equal with the Father and the Son as God. He is present in the world to make men aware of their need for Jesus Christ. He also lives in every believer from the moment of salvation. He provides the Christian with power for living, understanding of spiritual truth, and guidance in doing what is right. The Christian seeks to live under His control daily. *2 Corinthians 3:17, John 16:7-13, John 14:16-17, Acts 1:8, 1 Corinthians 2:12, 1 Corinthians 3:16, Ephesians 1:13, Galatians 5:25, Ephesians 5:18*

IV. The Bible.

The Bible is God's Word to all men. It was written by human authors under the supernatural guidance of the Holy Spirit. It is the ultimate source of truth for Christian beliefs and living. *2 Timothy 3:16-17, 2 Peter 1:20-21, 2 Timothy 1:13, Psalm 119:105, Psalm 119:160, Psalm 12:6, Proverbs 30:5*

V. Humanity.

Humanity is made in the image of God. Although God designed us to have fellowship with Him, we became alienated from God through disobedience. As a result, all human beings are born with a sinful nature and choose to sin against God. We are incapable of regaining a right relationship with God through our own efforts. *Genesis 1:27, Psalm 8:3-6, Isaiah 53:6, Romans 3:23, Colossians 1:21, Isaiah 59:1-2*

VI. Eternity.

You were created to exist forever. We believe that forever is spent in one of two places: eternally separated from God because of sin or in union with God because of His forgiveness and salvation. When you die, you will either spend eternity in hell or

heaven. Eternal separation from God happens in hell. Eternal union with God occurs in heaven. *John 3:16, 1 John 2:25, John 5:11-13, Romans 6:23, Revelation 20:15*

VII. Salvation.

Salvation is God's gift to you if you'll accept it. We can never make up for our sin with self-improvement or good works. It is only by trusting in Jesus Christ as God's offer of forgiveness that you can be saved from sin's penalty. Eternal life begins the moment you receive Jesus Christ into your life by faith. *Romans 6:23, Ephesians 2:8-9, John 14:6, John 1:12, Titus 3:5, Galatians 3:26, Romans 5:1*

VIII. Eternal Security.

Because God gives man eternal life through Jesus Christ, the believer is secure in that salvation for eternity. Salvation is maintained by the grace and power of God, not by the self-effort of the Christian. It is the grace and eternal power of God that gives this security. *John 10:29, 2 Timothy 1:12, Hebrews 7:25, Hebrews 10:10-14, 1 Peter 1:3-5*

IX. The Church.

The church is the body of Christ. It is made up of individuals who have believed that Jesus is the Son of God, accepted Him as their Savior, and followed His example of baptism through immersion. *Matthew 18:20*

X. Baptism / Lord's Supper.

Jesus gave His followers two commands to help them remember and celebrate His death, burial, and resurrection. The first is Baptism. We believe that Baptism symbolizes the washing away of our sin and signifies the beginning of our new life as a follower of Christ. The second is the Lord's Supper. We believe that the Lord's Supper symbolizes the body and blood of Jesus Christ, and when it is taken the believer should remember the sacrifice that led to salvation. *Matthew 3:13-17; 26:26-30; Acts 8:35-39; Romans 6:3-5; 1 Corinthians 11:23-29.*