

What We Believe

THE SCRIPTURES

We believe in the Bible as God's infallible Word, uniquely inspired and supremely authoritative in all matters of faith and conduct. It is a complete and sufficient revelation of all matters concerning God's nature, His will for mankind and eternal salvation through Jesus Christ.

2 Tim 3:16, John 20:31, Rev 22:19, 2Peter 1:21.

THE GODHEAD

We believe in one, living, eternal, almighty, personal and true God who is equally God the Father, God the Son Jesus Christ, and God the Holy Spirit, who has revealed Himself to man in these three persons.

Gen 1:1, 2Cor 13:14, Titus 2:13, 2Cor 3:17-18

CREATION

We believe that God created the heavens and the earth and all living things. He sustains them by His power and He is the sovereign Lord of every being. God created mankind in His own image with a body and immortal soul and spirit. Mankind was so created without sin but with free will in order to enjoy fellowship with God and to express His will and purpose throughout all time.

Gen 1:1-27, Gen 2:7, Neh 9:6, Acts 14:15, Heb 11:3.

THE FALL OF MAN

We believe that mankind forfeited his original righteousness and relationship with God through disobedience, by yielding to the temptation of Satan, thereby becoming subject to Satan's rule. Every person born into the world inherits this fallen status of our first parents, being alienated from God, naturally inclined to evil. Mankind is sinful initially by birth and subsequently by act, but has a conscience by which he knows of the existence of God, of right and wrong and of consequent guilt and condemnation.

Gen 2 1-13, Rom 5:12, Eph 2:1-3, Rom 1:18-20.

JESUS CHRIST

We believe that Jesus Christ, the eternal Son of God, was born of the virgin Mary and was fully God and fully man. He lived a perfectly righteous life though tempted as all other men, then offered Himself as a substitutionary sacrifice for the sin of mankind according to the predestined plan of God. He suffered, was crucified, died and was buried, but then was raised from the dead and appeared on earth's surface before ascending to heaven. This resurrection demonstrates

His complete authority over sin, death and the devil and that He is Lord over all things. He will return to earth at the end of this present age.

2Cor 5:21, Acts 2:23-24, 1Cor 15:3-4, Heb 4:15, Eph 1:20-21, Matt 1:18-23, Acts 1:9-11.

SALVATION

We believe that every person who repents and turns to God by faith in Jesus Christ and His work on the cross, is forgiven of all sin, is justified before God, and receives Christ's righteousness. He becomes spiritually regenerated and restored to fellowship with God. This salvation is by God's grace alone and no human efforts or acts can alter any person's fallen condition, despite his essential dignity being made in the image of God and his capacity for good works and worthy achievements.

Acts 3:19, John 3:16, Rom 5:9, Col 1:13, Matt 24:13, Eph 2:8-9.

SANCTIFICATION

We believe in the progressive work of grace in a believer known as sanctification, which commences at the time of new birth and continues through life.

Sanctification is a separation from that which is evil and a dedication to God, thereby developing holiness and Christ-likeness in character and lifestyle.

2Thess 2.13, 2Cor 6.14-18, Eph 4.22-24.

THE CHURCH

We believe that there is only one true Christian Church with Jesus Christ at its Head, which is made up of all those who have received Jesus Christ as personal Saviour. The Church in its many different expressions is served by divinely called anointed and appointed apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, priests, teachers and other ministries, and it will become mature and fulfill the Great commission of world evangelism before the end of this age. It is the responsibility of each believer to be joined to a local church which is an authentic expression of Biblical Christianity.

Eph 4:4-16, Matt 28:19-20, Matt 24:14.