

What We Believe:

The Bible: The Bible is God's Word to all people. Human authors wrote it under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. Because it was inspired by God, the Bible is absolutely true, trustworthy and without fault. It is completely relevant to our daily lives and our final authority. **(2 Timothy 3:16-17, Hebrews 4:12, 2 Peter 1:20-21, Matthew 5:18, Psalm 119, Proverbs 30:5, Romans 16:25-26)**

The Father: God is Creator, all powerful, all knowing, ever present, unchanging, worthy of our trust, holy and Ruler of the universe. He has eternally existed as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. He created everything and everyone. These three are co-equal parts of one God. **(Genesis 1:1, Exodus 3:14, Psalm 90:2, Matthew 28:19, John 3:16, 4:24, 5:26, 14:1, 2 Corinthians 13:14)**

The Son: Jesus Christ is the Son of God. He was completely human but, at the same time, completely God. He is the only plan for bringing people far from God back into right relationship with God. Jesus lived a perfect life and offered Himself as the perfect sacrifice for the sins of all people by dying on a cross. He defeated death in His resurrection so that we could have life. **(Matthew 1:22-23, John 3:16, John 14:6, 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, Colossians 1:13,14, 1 Timothy 6:14-15, Titus 2:13)**

The Holy Spirit: The Holy Spirit is the full presence of God living in every Christ-follower. He guides believers into all truth and exalts Christ. He is present in the world to make everyone aware of their need for Jesus Christ. He lives in every believer from the moment of salvation. He provides the Christ follower with power for living, spiritual gifts, understanding of spiritual truth and guidance in doing what is right. The Christ follower seeks to live under His control daily. **(2 Corinthians 3:17, John 16:7-13, 14:16-17, Acts 1:8, Romans 8:26-30, 1 Corinthians 2:12, 3:16, Ephesians 1:13, Galatians 5:25, Ephesians 5:18)**

Salvation: The blood of Jesus Christ, shed on the cross, provides the only way of salvation through the forgiveness of sin. Salvation occurs when people place their faith in the death and resurrection of Christ as sufficient payment for their sin. Salvation is a gift from God, and it cannot be earned through our own efforts. By placing our faith in Jesus Christ we become Christians, Christ followers who have put their trust in Him and surrender their lives to Him. **(Romans 5:1, Romans 5:6-11, Romans 6:23, Romans 10:9-10, Ephesians 2:8-9, Philippians 2:12-13, Titus 3:5, 1 John 1:9, 5:1)**

Baptism: Baptism is not required for a person to be saved. But part of following Jesus is to follow His example and to be baptized (by immersion, as the Bible consistently indicates) as testimony to the salvation we have already received. **(Matthew 3:15, Acts 2:38, Acts 8:36, Acts 16: 29-34, John 3:23)**

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

The Church: The Church is made of people who are committed to Jesus Christ and joined with each other. It is committed to the Bible and seeks to bring the Gospel to the world. The Church works together in love and unity, intent on the ultimate purpose of glorifying Christ. **(Ephesians 4, Matthew 16:18-19, 18:15-20, Acts 2:41-47, 5:11-14, 13:1-3, 14:23, 16:5 20:28, Ephesians 1:22-23, 2:19-22, 3:10-12, 5:22-32, Colossians 1:18, 3:15, 1 Peter 5:1-4, Revelation 21:2-3)**

Jesus is Coming Back Again: Jesus Christ will physically and visibly return to earth for the second time to establish His kingdom. This will occur at a date undisclosed in the Scriptures. **(Matthew 24:30, 26: 63-64, Acts 1: 9-11, 1 Thessalonians 4:15-17, 2 Thessalonians 1:7-8, Revelation 1:7-8, 22: 7, 12)**