



The Scriptures

The exclusive basis of our beliefs is the completed revelation of God, the Bible containing the sixty-six books of the Old and New Testaments. The Bible was uniquely, verbally, and fully inspired by the Holy Spirit and was written without error in the original manuscripts. It is the supreme and final authority on all matters on which it speaks for every age, and is sufficient for every need.

(Ps 19:7-11; Rom 15:4; 1 Cor 10:11; 2 Tim 3:16-17; Heb 4:12; 2 Pet 1:19-21)

The Godhead

There is only one God, infinite in power, wisdom, justice, goodness and love, the Creator of the universe, eternally coexisting in three persons—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—equally possessing all the attributes of Deity and the characteristics of personality, yet distinct in office and activity.

(Gen 1:1; Exo 20:2-3; Deut 4:35; 6:4; 32:39; Mat 3:16-17; 28:18-20; John 1:1-3,14; 5:36-40; Acts 5:3-4; Rom 1:1-6,19-20; 1 Cor 8:6; Eph 1:3-14; 4:3-6; Rev 1:4-6; 4:11)

Jesus Christ

God the Father, by His own choice and out of love for sinful men and women, sent His eternal son Jesus Christ into the world to reconcile sinners to Himself. Jesus Christ was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of a virgin. He is God in the flesh; both fully God, with no beginning and fully man, with a temporal birth.

(Isa 7:14; 9:6-7; Mat 1:18-25; Luke 1:35; John 1:1-3,14; 3:16; Phil 2:1-11; Heb 2:17)

Jesus Christ lived a sinless life and voluntarily suffered and died as our substitute to pay the penalty for our sins, thus satisfying God's justice and accomplishing salvation for all who trust in Him alone. He rose from the dead in the same body, though glorified, in which He lived and died. He bodily ascended into heaven and sat down at the right hand of God the Father, where He, the only mediator between God and man, makes intercession for His own.

(Matt 28:6-7; Mark 16:4-7; Luke 24:2-6,39,51; John 10:17-18; Acts 1:9-11; 1 Cor 15:1-4; 2 Cor 5:21; Phil 2:1-11; 1 Tim 2:5; Heb 2:17; 5:9-10; 7:25; 8:6; 12:2; 1 Pet 2:22-24; Rev 3:21)

Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit has come into the world to reveal and glorify Jesus Christ, to convict men and women of their sins, and to impart life to all who place their faith in Christ. He indwells believers from the moment of spiritual birth, seals them until the day of redemption, and empowers them for a life of holiness and faithful service.

(Mark 1:8; John 1:32-33; 3:5-6; 7:39; 14:16-17,26; 16:5-11; Acts 1:5; 4:8; 5:30-32; 11:16; Rom 8:14-16, 26-27; 1 Cor 6:19; Eph 1:13-14; 4:30)

Creation

God created the heavens and earth, including all life by direct act, in a literal six day period. We reject the notion that evolution was part of His process. God spoke and creation was executed to its fullness.

(Genesis 1-2; John 1:3; Col 1:16-17)

Man

God directly created man in His own image, apart from any evolutionary process. Man, as he was originally created, was innocent before God. He chose to sin by disobeying God and therefore was alienated from his Creator and came under divine condemnation. Therefore, as man we are sinners by nature and choose to sin; born with a corrupt nature, without spiritual life, and are totally incapable of pleasing God in and of ourselves.

(Gen 1:26-27; 3:1-19; 5:1-3; 6:5; Ps 14:1-3; Is 53:6; Jer 17:9; Rom 1:18, 32; 3:10-19; 3:23; 5:12-19; 1 Cor 15:22)

Atonement for Sin

We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures as a substitutionary sacrifice and that any and all who choose to believe on Him are redeemed by His shed blood. We believe in the resurrection of the crucified body of our Lord Jesus Christ and in His ascension into heaven; He is our High Priest and Advocate.

(John 1:1-3, 14; 3:1-7; Hebrews 10:4-14; 1 John 2:2)

Salvation

We believe that salvation is the gift of God's grace. It cannot be gained or made more secure by meritorious works, but is freely bestowed upon all who choose to place their faith in the finished work of Jesus Christ at Calvary. All who so trust the Savior are forgiven of their sins and born into the family of God by the regenerating work of the Holy Spirit.

(John 1:12; Acts 16:30-33; Romans 10:9-10; Ephesians 1:7; 2:8-9)

Assurance

From the moment the believer places his faith in Christ, he is eternally secure. It is impossible for one born into the family of God ever to lose salvation because he is forever kept by the power of God.

(John 5:24; 10:27-29; Rom 8:31-39; 1 John 5:13)

The Church

The Church of Jesus Christ, distinct from Israel in the Old Testament, was inaugurated at Pentecost and must be considered in two aspects: the “church that is His body” and the local church. The “church that is His body” is the entire company of believers in Christ in this age, whether Jew or Gentile, regardless of denominational affiliation. The local church is an assembly of born again baptized believers gathered together to practice New Testament ordinances; to meet together for worship, prayer, fellowship, teaching and a united testimony in which our Lord tells us to “go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

(Mat 28:18-20; Act 2:1-4, 41-47; 1 Cor 11:2; 12:12-13; Eph 1:22-23; 3:1-6; 4:1-16; 5:23-24; Col 1:18)

Ordinances

Jesus Christ commands those who believe in Him to be baptized by immersion in water as a testimony of their new birth, and to their identification in the shared death, burial and resurrection to new life in our Lord Jesus Christ. He also instituted the Lord’s Supper as a remembrance of His suffering and death on our behalf. We proclaim this remembrance until our Lord returns. Neither of these ordinances has any merit in helping a person obtain salvation, nor are they a source of God’s grace.

(Mat 3:16; 28:18-20; Act 2: 41-42; 8:36-38; Rom 6:3-5; 1 Cor 11:23-32; Col 2:12)

Sanctification

Scripture never separates salvation from sanctification. As believers, we are to separate ourselves from sin and set ourselves apart for God. Through the transforming power of the Word of God and the Holy Spirit, we are to grow in grace and become more like Jesus. We are to love God with all of our being, pursue holy and righteous living, and live humble lives of service toward others.

(John 17:17; 2 Cor 3:18; 5:17; 7:1; 1 Thes 4:3-8; 1 Pet 1:14-16; 2:1-2; 2 Pet 1:3-8)

Satan

We believe that Satan is a personal, spiritual being created as a holy angel to reflect the Glory of God, but through his pride and self-ambition he fell into sin by rebelling against his Creator and took numerous angels with him in his fall. We are engaged in a spiritual warfare with Satan being our accuser, before God, and our adversary. As a created being, Satan holds no attributes that are God's alone; such as being omnipresent, omnipotent and omniscient. Satan, along with his legions of fallen angels, is the open and declared enemy of God and His saints. We believe that he, and all that follow him, shall be eternally punished in the lake of fire.

(Job 1:6-7; Isa 14:12-14; Eze 28:11-19; Matt 4:1-11; John 12:31; 2 Cor 4:4; 11:13-15; Eph 2:2; 2 Tim 2:24-26; Heb 2:14; Jam 4:7; 1 Pet 5:8-9; Rev 12:9; 20:10)

Last Things

We believe in the imminent, bodily return of our Lord Jesus Christ before the seven-year tribulation to remove His church from this earth and literally resurrect His dead saints in bodily form. We believe in Christ's premillennial bodily return to the earth to reign in a literal one-thousand-year kingdom and will afterwards judge both the living and the dead.

(Isa 9:6-7; 11:1-9; Dan 9:25-27; Mat 24:29-31; 1 Cor. 15:42-44, 51-57; Phil 3:20-21; 1 Thes 4:13-18; 2 Thes 2:6-8; Rev 3:10-11; 20:1-6)

Eternal State

The Scriptures teach the bodily resurrection of the just and the unjust. All those who trust in Christ will spend eternity in full enjoyment of God's presence. Those who refuse God's offer of mercy and grace will spend eternity in hell. The terms heaven and hell refer to literal and distinct places and not to a condition or state of being.

(Ps 16:10-11; Pr 14:32; Mal 3:16-18; Mat 25:31-46; Luke 16:19-26; John 5:25-29; 14:1-3; Rom 6:23; 7:6; 8:18-25; Phil 1:23; 2 Thes 1:7-9; Rev 20:11-15; 21:1-9, 27)