

THE BIBLE

We believe all Scripture is given by the inspiration of God and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, and for instruction in righteousness. We understand this to mean that all 66 books of the Old and New Testament are inspired, in that holy men of God were moved by the Holy Spirit to write the very words of Scripture. We believe that the whole of Scripture is without error and is authoritative in all matters of faith and practice.

Sufficiency

Scripture states that it is able to equip us for every good work. In addition, the Lord states that He has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness through the body of knowledge wherein His great and precious promises are recorded. Therefore, we believe that the Bible alone, as believers apply it to their lives, is a sufficient resource to prepare them to handle all the challenges of life and ministry.

2 Timothy 3:16-17; 2 Peter 1:20-21; Psalms 119:160

TRIUNE GOD

We believe there is only one God, eternally existing in three persons: Father, Son (Jesus Christ), and Holy Spirit; who are co-equal in their nature, attributes, and perfection. Each is to be honoured and worshipped as God. The triune God created the heavens and the earth and all things in them, visible and invisible for His own glory.

Matthew 28:19; John 10:30; Mark 12:29; 1 Timothy 2:5; Deuteronomy 6:4; John 5:23; John 14:8-11; 2 Corinthians 13:14; Hebrews 1:1-2

GOD THE FATHER

We believe in God the Father, the first person of the Trinity, who is the absolute ruler of the universe. He is all-knowing, all-powerful, and present everywhere at once.

1 Corinthians 8:6; Ephesians 4:6; 1 John 4:14; Isaiah 64:8; Romans 1:20; Jeremiah 10:12-13; Psalm 147:4-5

JESUS CHRIST

We believe in God the Son, Jesus Christ, the second Person of the Trinity. He is equal with God the Father and God the Holy Spirit. We believe that Jesus Christ, in His human form, was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary and is truly God and truly man.

We believe Jesus Christ led a perfect, sinless life on earth and died on the cross willingly as a substitute for sinful man.

We believe Jesus Christ, through His death on the cross, completely satisfied the righteous wrath of God against sin and provided redemption and forgiveness. While the sacrificial death of Jesus Christ was sufficient for all people, its benefits only apply to those who believe in Him. After His death, Jesus Christ arose bodily from the dead and ascended into Heaven where He is seated at the right hand of God. He will someday return to establish His Kingdom on Earth.

Colossians 1:15-20; Isaiah 7:14; Luke 1:35; John 1:1-3, 14, 18, 29; Isaiah 53:5-6; John 3:16; Isaiah 9:6-7; John 8:58; John 10:30

HOLY SPIRIT

We believe in God the Holy Spirit, the third Person of the Trinity, who convicts individuals of sin. He brings new life, indwells, seals, sanctifies, guides, equips, teaches, and provides spiritual gifts to the believer. He produces the fruit of the Spirit in the life of the believer. His purpose is to glorify Christ.

John 3:5; John 14:26; 1 Corinthians 2:10-14; 1 Corinthians 6:19; 1 Corinthians 12:4-11; Ephesians 4:30; John 15:26; John 16:13-15; Acts 1:8; Romans 8:9; Galatians 5:22-25; Titus 3:5

SATAN

We believe Satan was created as an angel, but through pride rebelled against God and was expelled from heaven. We believe that Satan now exists as an evil personality, the originator of sin and death, the arch-enemy of God and man.

Isaiah 14:12-14; 1 Peter 5:8; Revelation 12:9; Ezekiel 28:13-18; Ephesians 6:11; 2 Corinthians 11:3

CREATION

We believe in the biblical account of creation, and that it is to be accepted literally, and not allegorically or figuratively; that man was created directly in God's own image and after His own likeness; that man's creation was not by evolution or evolutionary change of species.

Genesis 1:1; Genesis 1:26-27; Psalm 19:1; Jeremiah 32:17

MARRIAGE AND FAMILY

We believe that God is the originator and designer of marriage and that He communicated His design through the Bible. The term "Marriage" is reserved for the formalized covenant relationship between one man and one woman who commit themselves for life through a legal declaration to be monogamous and heterosexual.

We believe that God's plan is for the family to grow together in the knowledge and love of God.

Genesis 1:27; Genesis 2:18-24; 1 Corinthians 6:9; 1 Corinthians 7:1-5; 1 Timothy 3:2; Ephesians 5:22-33; Ephesians 6:1-4; Matthew 19:4-6

FALL OF MANKIND

Adam & Eve entered into sin through personal disobedience to the revealed will of God. As a result, all of mankind is spiritually dead, sinful in nature, and unable to rescue himself. Apart from faith in Jesus Christ, mankind faces eternal physical and spiritual separation from a Holy God.

Genesis 3; Mark 7:21-23; Romans 3:23; Romans 6:23; Romans 3:9-12; Ephesians 2:1-3

SALVATION

We believe that the only way of salvation is personally trusting in Jesus Christ's substitutionary sacrifice on the cross and in His bodily resurrection.

Salvation is a free gift of God's grace involving regeneration, reconciliation, justification by faith, and forgiveness for sin.

Salvation has its origin in the will of God the Father and the work of Jesus Christ, its means of reception in the response of repentance and faith on the part of the believer, its assurance in the perseverance of a Spirit-led life, and its goal in the enjoyment of life in God's presence forever. All those who are saved are eternally saved by the power of God.

Romans 5:6-11; John 3:16-17; Isaiah 53:6; Isaiah 45:21-22; John 10:27-29; Romans 5:20-21; 1 John 2:2; Ephesians 2:8-9

CHRISTIAN WALK

We believe that the believer's lifestyle should be increasingly characterized by the fruit of the Spirit, loving God above all else, loving one's neighbours, and obedience in all things to the Word of God.

We believe the ultimate goal of the Holy Spirit's work in the believer's life is to bring glory to God. This is accomplished as the believer yields to the indwelling Holy Spirit resulting in Christ-like thinking, attitudes, speech, actions, and the witnessing of their faith.

1 John 2:6; Ephesians 2:10; Galatians 5:22-23; Ephesians 4:24-32; Ephesians 5:2,8-10

ORDINANCES

We believe there are two ordinances for the Church in the New Testament: Baptism and Communion.

Baptism is the immersion of the believer in water, whereby he or she obeys Jesus's Christ's command. Baptism is not a requirement for salvation but is a public symbol of the believer's identification with Jesus Christ in His death, burial, and resurrection.

Communion is the Lord's Supper instituted by Jesus Christ. It is a memorial wherein the believer partakes of the two elements, bread and wine, which symbolize the Lord's body and shed blood, proclaiming His death until He returns. It is important for each individual to examine their heart before participating in communion.

Acts 10:48; Matthew 28:18-19; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 10:16-17; 1 Corinthians 11:23-28; Colossians 2:12; Acts 8:36-38; Acts 2:41

THE GREAT COMMISSION

We believe that until the return of Jesus Christ it is the Christian's privilege and duty to evangelize the world, making disciples of all nations. Motivated by the love of Jesus Christ, empowered by the Holy Spirit, and directed by the Word of God, believers should live sacrificially to see this mission accomplished.

Matthew 28:18-20; 2 Corinthians 5:20; Acts 1:8

THE CHURCH

We believe that scripture teaches that believers are part of the Universal Church and should belong to a Local Church.

The Universal Church, of which Jesus Christ is the Head, consists of all those past and present who have believed on the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Local Church is the visible expression of the Universal Church. It is a body of believers in Jesus Christ who are joined together to worship God, to observe the ordinances, to pray, to be edified through the Word of God and to fellowship. The local church equips and encourages believers to serve one another and fulfill the Great Commission. The Local Church enters into relationships with other like-minded churches for accountability, encouragement and mission.

Acts 2:42-47; 1 Corinthians 12:12-28; Hebrews 10:24-25; Colossians 1:18; 1 Corinthians 1:2; 1 Timothy 3:15; Ephesians 4:15-16

CHURCH LEADERSHIP - ELDERS/SHEPHERDS

We believe Jesus Christ is the Chief Shepherd and head of the Church. God has ordained Elders to be the primary human leadership of His Church. Elders are to serve as shepherds under Jesus Christ, be examples to the flock and are required to meet the moral and spiritual qualifications prescribed by Scripture. The believers are to willingly submit and pray for the Elders of the Church.

As the need arises, Deacons / Deaconesses will be entrusted to ensure the proper functioning of the church. Anyone serving in a leadership capacity needs to meet the moral and spiritual qualifications laid out in Scripture.

John 10:11; 1 Peter 5:1-5; Ephesians 4:11-14; Hebrews 13:17; 1 Thessalonians 5:12-13; 1 Timothy 3:1-13; Acts 14:23; Philippians 1:1

CIVIL GOVERNMENT

We believe that civil governments are of divine appointment for the interest and good order of society and that government leaders are to be prayed for, honoured, and obeyed. When the mandates of civil governments are in direct contradiction to the Word of God, we must obey the commands of God as our highest priority.

Romans 13:1-7; Acts 5:29; Mark 12:17; John 19:10-11; 1 Peter 2:13-15

DEATH AND THE HEREAFTER

We believe that God created man to have fellowship with Himself. At death, we believe there is a physical separation of the soul and the body. The soul of the believer passes into the presence of Jesus Christ, and there remains in joyful fellowship awaiting their bodily resurrection. The soul of the unbeliever enters into a state of conscious suffering, apart from Jesus Christ, awaiting to appear before the Great White Throne judgment and will be cast into the Lake of Fire for all eternity.

2 Corinthians 5:6-10; Matthew 25:41; Revelation 20:11-15; Luke 16:19-25

FUTURE EVENTS

We believe in the personal and bodily return of the Lord Jesus Christ who will judge both the living and resurrected dead. Jesus Christ will return to this earth personally, visibly, physically, and suddenly in power and great glory. We believe that He will physically resurrect both the just and the unjust. The believer will inherit everlasting joy in the presence of Jesus Christ; the unbeliever will enter an eternal state of conscious suffering, separated from God. The future will bring the complete fulfillment of God's promise and the ultimate realization of Christ's majestic, glorious kingdom of peace and righteousness. The culmination of history is life with God and Christ in the New Heavens and New Earth.

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Revelation 20:11-15; Revelation 21:1-4; John 14:1-3; 1 Corinthians 15:35-55; 2 Corinthians 5:6-10; Philippians 3:20-21