

What We Believe and Teach

God – There is one, holy God, eternally existing in three persons (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – the Trinity). God is the creator of all things, and perfect in every way.

Genesis 1:1; Hebrews 11:3; Romans 11:33–36

Jesus – Jesus Christ is God's only son. Fully and eternally God (second person of the Trinity), he also became fully man when he was born to Mary. Jesus lived a perfect, sinless life on earth, and died on a cross as a perfect sacrifice for our sins. He was raised from the dead and ascended to heaven, where he advocates with God on our behalf until his return.

John 1:18; Matthew 1:18–21; Philippians 2:6–8; Hebrews 4:14–16

The Holy Spirit – The Holy Spirit is the third person of the Trinity and is active in the church and in the world. He lives in every follower of Jesus, guiding, gifting, and empowering them as they live for Christ.

John 16:7–11; Acts 2:38; Romans 8:26–27

The Bible – The Bible is the inspired Word of God. It contains God's complete written revelation to man. Its 66 books were penned by over 40 authors, all of whom were guided by the Holy Spirit. The Bible is true and accurate in its entirety and is our authority and guide in all matters of belief and practice.

II Timothy 3:16-17; II Peter 1:20–21

Humanity – God has created all humans, male and female, in His image and all have value and purpose. Because of Adam and Eve's sin, mankind was separated from God and death entered the world. Since then, all have sinned, fallen short of God's standard of perfection, and would remain forever separated from God except for the sacrifice of Jesus.

Genesis 1:26–27; Genesis 3; Romans 3:23; Romans 5:12; Romans 6:23

Salvation - Salvation from the guilt and penalty for sin comes through Christ alone. It is offered to all by God's grace and is a gift that can't be earned through our own efforts.

Scripture shows that the normative acceptance of that gift comes through belief, repentance, confession, baptism by immersion, and a life committed to following Jesus.

Ephesians 2:8-9; Romans 10:9-10; Acts 2:38; Romans 6:3-4; Galatians 3:26-29

The Church - The church is God's worldwide family here on earth and is composed of all followers of Jesus, with him as the head. The purpose of the church is to accomplish the mission Jesus gave of taking his message to the world, helping people be reconciled to God, and then growing in their faith as Jesus' disciples. Followers of Jesus should actively attend and participate in a local church.

Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 2:42-47; Ephesians 4:11-13; I Peter 2:9-10; Hebrews 10:24-25

The Return of Jesus - Jesus will visibly return to restore creation and judge the world. At that time, his followers will receive eternal life in heaven, while those who did not follow Jesus will receive eternal punishment in hell. The Bible teaches that only God knows the day of Christ's return, and encourages all believers to be diligent in living for Him.

Acts 1:11; I Thessalonians 5:1-11; Revelation 20:11-15; Revelation 21:1-4

Marriage and Sexuality - Biblical marriage occurs only between one biological man and one biological woman, committed to a monogamous and Godly relationship.

Scripturally, all sexual relationships outside those parameters are sinful.

Genesis 1:27 and 2:18-24; Romans 1:24-27; I Corinthians 6:9-10; Hebrews 13:4