

## What We Believe

We believe in one God, Creator of all things, who is eternally existing in three persons (the Trinity) — Father, Son (Jesus Christ) and Holy Spirit. The three persons are equal in every Divine perfection (Dt. 6:4; Mt. 28:18-19; 2 Cor. 13:14; Heb. 1:1-3; Rev. 1:4-6).

We believe in Jesus Christ the only begotten Son of God, conceived by the Holy Spirit, of virgin birth, sinless in life, making atonement for the sins of the world by His death. We believe in His bodily resurrection, His ascension and His visible, imminent, pre-millennial return to this earth according to His promise (Zech. 14:4-11; Mt. 24:15-25; Lk. 1:35; John 1:1-2,14; Acts 1:11; 1 Cor. 15:20-21; Rom. 3:24-25; 2 Thess. 1:7-10; Heb. 4:15; Rev. 20:6).

We believe that the Holy Spirit, though ever-present from all eternity, entered this world in a special sense on the day of Pentecost; that He regenerates, empowers, indwells, seals every Jesus-follower, and baptizes them into the Body of Christ. The Holy Spirit imparts His gifts to individual believers for the edification of the Body and for works of ministry. All of the Holy Spirit gifts that were at work in the 1st century church are still available for the Church today (John 14:16-17; Acts 2:2; 1 Cor. 6:19; 12-14; Eph. 4:30; 1 Thess. 5:19).

We believe that the very words of the Bible in the original manuscripts, throughout its various parts, were inspired of God, its truth within being both infallible and final. We believe that the words of the Bible are the supreme and final authority for life and faith (2 Tim. 3:16; 2 Pt. 1:20-21).

We believe that man was originally created in the image and the likeness of God, that man fell through sin thereby losing his spiritual life, becoming dead in trespasses and sins. We also believe that this spiritual death has been transmitted to the entire human race, with the exception of Christ, necessitating the gift of God's grace for any hope of heaven (Gen. 1:26; 2:17; Ps. 14:1-3; Jer. 17:9; John 3:6; 5:40; Rom. 3:10-19; Eph. 2:1-2; 1 John 3:8).

We believe that salvation is the free gift of God brought to man by God's grace, and received by personal faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. We also believe that each believer's salvation will be kept eternally secure (Eccl. 3:14; John 1:12; Rom. 6:1-2; 8:29-30; Eph. 2:7-10; 1 Pt. 1:18-19).

We believe that the obligation of all Jesus-followers is to live a holy life. We also believe that all believers are obliged to share the love and message of Jesus, both by their life and through their spoken word, with those who are not yet Jesus followers (Acts 1:8; Rom. 12:1-2; 2 Cor. 5:19-20; 7:1; Titus 2:12; 1 John 2:15-17).

We believe in the Church universal composed of all true believers in Christ, baptized by the Holy Spirit into one Body. We also believe in the local church to which is enjoined two Scriptural ordinances, Baptism and the Lord's Supper. We hold to water immersion as the biblical form of baptism. (Mt. 28:19-20; Lk. 22:19-20; Acts 8:36-38; 1 Cor. 12:13, 27; Eph. 1:22-23)

We believe that God made an everlasting and irrevocable covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and their descendants, comprising the Jewish people worldwide as national Israel. It includes the unconditional election of Israel as God's chosen people, the gift of the land of Israel (in perpetuity) to the Jewish people, and the promise of God's Messiah (Israel's King) to the world, through whom all the families of the earth will be blessed. Both Jew and Gentile who believe in Jesus Christ are brought into fellowship with God under the New Covenant (Gen. 12:1-3; 15:9-21; 17:1-8; 2 Sam. 7:6-16; I Chron. 17; Isa. 49:5-6; Jer. 31:23-40; Rom. 9-11; Gal. 3:6-4:7; Heb. 8; Rev. 22:16).

We believe in eternal glory for all true believers and in eternal separation from God for all non-believers, a literal heaven and hell (Lk. 16:19-31; 2 Cor. 5:8; Php. 1:23; 2 Thess. 1:7-9; Rev. 20:11-15).