

- **WE BELIEVE THAT THE BIBLE IS THE WORD OF GOD.** We believe that the Bible, the Old and New Testament, in its original languages, is inerrant, infallible, and inspired by the Holy Spirit, its Author. It is the ultimate authority on all questions of Christian life and doctrine. Unless it is evident that some part is purely symbolic, we believe in the literal biblical account of creation, miracles, history, and doctrine. We believe that the Old Testament canon consists of 39 books and the New Testament canon consists of 27 books. We reject the apocryphal books as scripture inspired by God.
 - **"All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness"** (2 Tim. 3:16).
 - **"Your word is truth"** (John.17:17).
 - **"Our beloved brother Paul... in all his letters... which ignorant and unstable people distort, as they do the other Scriptures, to their own destruction"** (2 Peter 3:15b-16).

- **WE BELIEVE IN A TRINITY GOD, FATHER, SON AND HOLY SPIRIT.** We believe in one God, as revealed in the Bible, regardless of our own concepts, opinions, imagination, or extra-biblical experiences. We believe that God exists eternally in three persons; plural in number and one in essence and nature. The three persons are co-existent and co-equal. This essential doctrine is evident from Genesis to Revelation (Gen. 1:26;11:7; Matt. 3:16-17,28:19;1 Cor.8:6; 2 Cor.13:14; Rev.1:4-6).

- **WE BELIEVE IN GOD THE FATHER.** We believe in one God the Father as revealed in the Bible, Creator of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. God the Father is omnipresent, omnipotent and omniscient, eternal, holy, incomprehensible, self-existent, self-sufficient, infinite, immutable, faithful, merciful, fair, and sovereign. We believe that His love is infinite and eternal, as is His holy wrath, for He can be angry when He is offended. We believe that He is the eternal Father of the Lord Jesus Christ and Father of spirits. According to Jesus Christ, we may address Him as Father in our prayers with all reverence, and we should love and serve Him fearfully and trembling.
 - **"Pray then like this: "Our Father who art in heaven..."** (Matt. 6:9).
 - **"Shall we not much more be subject to the Father of spirits and live?"** (Heb.12:9).
 - **"Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one"** (Deut. 6:4).
 - **"Yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist"** (1 Cor. 8:6a).

- **WE BELIEVE IN GOD THE SON.** We believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten eternal Son of God, begotten in eternity and not created. He is without beginning and without end; light from light, true God from true God. He is the Word who was with God and who was God, was made flesh, conceived by the Holy Spirit in the womb of the Virgin Mary; one hundred percent man, one hundred percent God. According to the Scriptures, He came into the world, saving us by dying on the cross and rising physically again. We believe that he appeared risen, visibly and physically, to more than 500 disciples. We believe that He ascended to His Father and that He lives forever to intercede as our Priest at the right hand of the Father. We believe that He will come back for His church through a rapture, and that He will return to the world a second time, establishing a reign of perfect righteousness and peace on earth for a thousand years. We believe that God has appointed Him as Judge, and that He will come to judge the living and the dead. Each individual Christian will stand before His judgement, and there will also be a final judgement day when He will judge the dead (not Christians). As an equal to the Father and the Holy Spirit, He possesses all of the aforementioned attributes of the Father.
 - **"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God... All things were made through him... And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, (and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father,)"** (John.1:1,3,14).
 - **"For us there is only one... the Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist"** (1 Cor.8:6b).
 - **"For the Father... has given all judgement to the Son, that all may honour the Son just as they honour the Father who sent him"** (John.5:22-23).
 - **"Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures... Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time"** (1 Cor.15:3,4,6).
 - **"For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds..."** (1 Thes.4:16-17).
 - **"They came to life and reigned with Christ for a thousand years"** (Rev.20:4).
 - **"And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead"** (Acts 10:42).

- **"I charge you before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, who will judge the living and the dead at His appearing and His kingdom"** (2 Tim. 4:1).
- **WE BELIEVE IN GOD, THE HOLY SPIRIT.** We believe that the Holy Spirit is a person and not just an influence, force, or spirit, because he possesses all the characteristics of a personality. He is divine, equal to the Father and the Son, and possesses all the aforementioned attributes of God. He is worshiped and glorified with the Father and the Son. He is the Author of the Bible and He spoke to us through the prophets and apostles. He is present now in the world, in the church, and in every believer that is reborn. By believing, each person is baptised into the body of Christ, the Church, by the Holy Spirit. We believe that Christ baptises the believer in the Holy Spirit, empowering them to bear witness to Christ through their life, deeds, and words. We do not believe that the gifts, miracles and fruits of the Holy Spirit have ceased.
 - **"For in one Spirit we were all baptised into one body"** (1 Cor.12:13).
 - **"He (Jesus) who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry; you will be baptised with the Holy Spirit not many days from now"** (Matt.3:11; Acts.1:5).
 - **"And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever...He will be in you"** (John.14:16-17).
 - **"When he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgement... When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth... He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you..."** (John.16:8,13,14).
- **WE BELIEVE THAT MAN WAS CREATED BY GOD.** We believe that man was originally created by God, and is not the fruit of evolution. He was created in the image and likeness of God with the ability to relate to Him. He is a living soul, incapable of ceasing to exist or being annihilated. Every person is a human being, formed by God from conception and, therefore, regardless of his or her present state, is worthy of respect.

Man fell from his original state and his present state is that of a being far from God, rebellious, degenerate, deprived, a sinner from his conception, who is not capable of being good. He is not only incapable of saving himself, but also of taking the first step to approach God and find Him; he is by no means, on his own, capable of pleasing God. Jesus came to restore man's relationship with God, and man is totally dependent on Him for his salvation.

- **"God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them"** (Gen.1:27).
- **"Because you... have eaten of the tree of which I commanded you: You shall not eat of it,' cursed is the ground because of you; in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life"** (Gen.3:17).
- **"Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me"** (Ps. 51:5).
- **"None is righteous, no, not one; no one understands; no one seeks for God"** (Rom.3:10-11).
- **"You were dead in your trespasses and sins"** (Eph.2:1).
- **WE BELIEVE IN SALVATION FOR MAN.** We believe that salvation is a reality in this life and for eternity. We acknowledge man's downfall and perdition, and we know that he needs to be saved. We believe that God acts on man, through the Holy Spirit and the Word of God, to bring him to repentance and faith in the person and the salvation work of Christ. Man cannot save himself in any way, and attempting to do so, through his own deeds, is an act of pride. He needs to surrender himself to Christ so that He will be the Lord of his life, and trust only in Him and His work. Christ comes to live in man, and in him Christ is the hope of glory.

Only in Christ and through the work of the cross there is salvation. We believe that neither a church, nor by intervention of the saints, nor a water baptism, etc., nothing and no one, apart from Christ, has anything to do with salvation. Only the work of the cross forgives sin and reconciles you with God. It is a work of propitiation, redemption and justification, in such a way that it completely places man before God, without having to add anything, freely receiving eternal life. The work of the cross also attributes to man the perfect holiness of Christ, making him a saint and instantly preparing him for heaven. It is in the image of Christ that you have the right to come confidently to the throne of grace in prayer.

We believe that the believer is adopted into the family of God by being reborn through the Holy Spirit, and receives a new nature that is compatible with God's nature. Being a new creature with a new nature, he longs to be holy in daily life, thus entering into the process of practical sanctification. To this end, he begins to study the Scriptures and has a personal understanding with God and with other Christians. If this principle of sanctification is not visible in a person, we conclude that he is not truly born again.

- **"For God so loved the world, that He gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life"** (John.3:16).
- **"For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast"** (Eph. 2:8-9).

- **“And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”** (Acts. 4:12).
- **“And because of Him (God) you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption”** (1 Cor.1:30).
- **“Unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God”** (John.3:3).
- **“And everyone who has this hope in him purifies himself, just as he is pure”** (1 John. 3:3).

- **WE BELIEVE IN THE CHURCH.** We believe that the church means, according to the original language of the New Testament which was Greek, “those who are called apart”. The church is a living organism, made up integrally of human beings called out of the world and its system and set apart unto God; it consists of all those who believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, who are redeemed by His blood and born again through the Holy Spirit. Therefore, no earthly organisation or institution can be considered a church, or even a part of it. The local church, therefore, is a body of believers in Christ that gathers for the worship of God, edification through the Word of God, prayer, communion, the proclamation of the Gospel, and the celebration of the ordinances of Baptism and the Lord’s Supper. God’s main purpose on earth, in this age of grace, from the early church to the present century, is to call and establish this church from every lineage, language, people, and nation, and to prepare the church as a bride for His Son. The church is also called the body of Christ, of which Christ Himself is the Head, and He has commissioned it to go into all the world as a witness, preaching the Gospel to all nations.
 - **“I will build my church”** (Matt.16:18).
 - **“The one who has the bride is the bridegroom”** (John. 3:29).
 - **“Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, so that he might present the church to himself in splendour, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish”** (Eph. 5:25-27).
 - **“The marriage of the Lamb has come, and his Bride has made herself ready”** (Rev.19:7).

- **WE BELIEVE IN MARRIAGE.** We believe that God instituted monogamous marriage between male and female as the foundation of the family and the basic structure of human society. For this reason, we believe that marriage is exclusively a union between a man and a woman.
 - **“So, God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.”** (Gen.1:27).
 - **“So they are no longer two but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate”** (Matt. 19:6).
 - **“Therefore, a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife. So, they are no longer two but one flesh”** (Mark 10:7-8).

- **WE BELIEVE IN THE SPIRITUAL WORLD.** We believe in a spirit world formed by God and His angels, which is a kingdom of light and all that is good. Angels are God’s ministers on behalf of those who have been saved. We also believe that there is a devil and his fallen angels, who form an evil kingdom of darkness. The spiritual world existed before the creation of the physical and material world. God is above all and is sovereign. Satan, the devil, though he is incomparably less than God in every respect, is His enemy and is called the prince of this world. His demons do all kinds of evil in society and in individuals. They deceive and tempt all mankind; they attack and accuse Christians. The spiritual world is more powerful and intelligent and tends to control the physical world. However, Christians are protected by God and the angels.
 - **“By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible”** (Heb. 11:3).
 - **“Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands”** (Rev. 5:11).
 - **“For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places”** (Eph. 6:12).

- **WE BELIEVE IN LIFE AFTER DEATH.** We believe that man possesses an immortal soul that will live on consciously after death. There are only two final destinations for man; heaven and hell. Both destinies will be eternal, with no opportunity to leave or escape from them.
 - **“When Jacob finished commanding his sons, he drew up his feet into the bed and breathed his last and was gathered to his people”** (Gen. 49:33).
 - **“The time came when the beggar died and the angels carried him to Abraham’s side. The rich man also died and was buried,**

and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes" (Luke.16:22-23).

- "Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord" (2 Cor. 5:8). "I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account" (Php.1:23-24).
- "And these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life" (Matt. 25:46).
- **WE BELIEVE IN TWO ORDINANCES; WATER BAPTISM AND THE LORD'S SUPPER.** We believe that, as a first step in obedience to Christ and as a public testimony of faith in Him, the believer should be baptised in water by immersion, although we do not believe this is essential for salvation. We do not believe in baptising infants before they are old enough to have an understanding of their responsibility before God. Neither do we believe in the baptism of whole families or households, unless they are all believers.
 - "Go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit" (Matt.28:19).
 - "And the eunuch said: See, here is water; what prevents me from being baptised? And Philip said: If you believe with all your heart, you may" (Acts 8:36-37. There are many more texts, mainly in the book of Acts).

We believe in the ordinance of the Lord's Supper, celebrated periodically to symbolically commemorate the death of Jesus. The holy bread and fruit of life represent the body and blood of the Lord. The one who partakes of the Lord's Supper must be a believer, born again.

- "Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body. And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, Drink of it, all of you; for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins" (Matt.26:26-28).
- "For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes" (1 Cor.11:26).