

It is important to know “what we believe” and “why we believe it”. In establishing these beliefs, unless the doctrinal teachings of a church are based 100% upon the Bible they are of no value. This is critically important especially when liberalism and pluralism have led so many away from the authority of God’s Word.

THE BIBLE

We believe the Bible in its entirety is the inspired, inerrant Word of God and the only infallible rule of faith and conduct. Human authors, under the supernatural guidance of the Holy Spirit, wrote it. (*Ps. 19:7-11; Prov. 30:5; 2 Tim. 3:16*)

GOD

We believe God is the Creator and Ruler of the universe. He has eternally existed in three personalities: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. (*Gen. 1:26; Matt. 3:16, 17 & 28:19*)

JESUS CHRIST

We believe Jesus Christ is God the Son, the 2nd person of the Trinity. On earth, he was 100% God and 100% man. We believe in His virgin birth, His sinless life, His miracles, His atoning death on the cross and His bodily resurrection. He ascended to heaven and will return again to earth to reign as King of Kings. (*Isaiah 7:14; Luke 1:26-35; John 1:1-5, 14*)

HOLY SPIRIT

We believe the Holy Spirit works to convict people of sin, save and indwell the repentant believer, guide true believers in all truth and to give spiritual gifts. The operation of spiritual gifts and the Baptism of the Holy Spirit is for all believers as promised. The purpose of spiritual gifts is to build and sanctify the Church and confirm the power of the Gospel. All believers are commanded to earnestly desire the manifestation of the gifts which must always operate in harmony with the Scriptures. (*Matt. 3:11; Luke 11:13; John 7:37-39; 16: 7-14; Acts 2: 1-4; 8:14-17; 10:44-47; 19:1-6; 1 Cor. 12 & 14; Eph. 4:11-16*)

HUMAN BEINGS

We believe in the creation, test and fall of man as recorded in Genesis. In his natural state man is a sinner, lost, without hope and unable to obtain righteousness. (*Rom. 3:19-23; 5:12, 18; Eph. 2: 1-3, 12*)

SALVATION

We believe salvation is God's free gift to us, but we must accept it by faith. First, there must be repentance from sin and then faith towards Jesus Christ. Righteousness results from our faith in the blood of Jesus and is totally separate from our works. (*John 14:6; Acts 3:19; 4:12; Rom. 3:23; 5:1-21; 6:23; 2 Cor. 5:21; Eph. 2:8,9*)

PROVISION

The Father's will is that believers become whole, healthy and successful in all areas of life. Because of the Fall/many may not receive the full benefits of God's will while on earth. That fact should never prevent all believers from seeking the full benefits of Christ's provision in order to serve others.

- Spiritual (*John 3:3-11; Rom. 10:9; 10:2; 2 Cor. 5:17-21*)
- Mental and Emotional (*Isa. 26:3; Rom. 12:2; Phil. 4:7,8; 2 Tim. 1:7; 2:11*)
- Physical (*Isa. 53:4,5; Matt. 8:17; 1 Pet. 2:24*)
- Financial (*Duet. 28:1-14; Josh. 1:8; Ps. 34:10; 84:11; Mal. 3: 10,11; Luke 6:38; 2 Cor. 9:6-10; Phil. 4:19*)

DIVINE HEALING

We believe divine healing is for today and is part of God's plan of salvation. Healing the sick is illustrated in the life and ministry of Jesus and included in Jesus' commission to His disciples. (*Ps. 103:2,3; Isaiah 53:5; Matt. 8:16,17; Mark 16:17,18; Acts 8:6, 7:1; 1 Cor. 12:9,28; James 5:14,15*)

ORDINANCES

We believe in water baptism by immersion in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit – who is the Lord Jesus Christ. This was commanded by Jesus for all who believed in Him. (*Matt. 28:19; Acts 2:38; 10:48; 19:5; Rom. 6:3-7; Col.: 2: 11-15*) We believe in observing the Lord's Supper as a memorial to Jesus' death, resurrection and second coming. (*Luke 22:13-22; 1 Cor. 11:23-32*).

SECOND COMING

We believe in the bodily return of Jesus to rapture His church, in the resurrection of the dead, the eternal life of the saved and the eternal punishment of Satan, his angels, and the lost. Heaven is the eternal dwelling place of all believers. Hell is the place where all who reject Jesus will be eternally, consciously, tormented with the devil and the fallen angels. (*Matt. 24:30,31; 1 Cor. 15:50-58; 1 Thes. 4:13-18; Heb. 9:27; Rev. 20:4-6 & 11--15; 21:8*)