

# What We Believe

- 1.** We believe the scriptures, both Old and New Testaments, are the verbally inspired Word of God (2 Timothy 3:16-17; 2 Peter 1:20-21), without error in the original manuscripts; They are the complete revelation of His will for our salvation, and the divine and final authority regarding all matters to which they speak.
- 2.** We believe that there is only one God, who is the Creator of all things (Genesis 1:1; Deuteronomy 6:4); God is infinitely perfect and eternally existing in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (Matthew 28:19-20; 2 Corinthians 13:14); We believe that God is infinite in all of His own nature.
- 3.** We believe that Jesus the Messiah, the eternal Son of the Father, is true God and true man, having been conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary (Matthew 1:23; Hebrews 1:1-5); We believe that as sinless man He died on the cross as a substitutionary sacrifice for our sins (2 Corinthians 5:21); He arose from the dead in the same physical body in which He died (Luke 24:39; John 20:27; I Corinthians 15:3-6), which body became no longer subject to death or decay, ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Majesty on High as our High Priest and Advocate (Hebrew 8:1; 1 John 2:1).
- 4.** We believe that during the present age, the Holy Spirit glorifies the Lord Jesus Christ by convicting people of sin, regenerating sinners, and indwelling, guiding, instructing, and empowering believers for godly living and service (Titus 3:5; John 16:8-11; Acts 1:8).
- 5.** We believe that man as male and female was created in the image of God and due to sin became separated from the life of God (Genesis 1:26-28; Romans 5:12); We believe that all who sin are held guilty before God for their sins and that only through regeneration by the Holy Spirit can salvation and spiritual life be obtained (John 3:3-5, 36).
- 6.** We believe that the shed blood of Jesus Christ provides the only ground for justification and salvation for all who have been chosen by the Father (Ephesians 1:1-7), and that His resurrection from the dead gives the hope of our future resurrection (John 11:25, 1 Peter 1:3-5); We believe that all who have believed in the Lord Jesus are eternally secure in Christ (John 10:27-30; Romans 8:30;38-39), being sealed with the Holy Spirit and being kept by the power of God until the day of redemption (Ephesians 1:13-14; 1 Peter 1:5).
- 7.** We believe that Christian baptism, as a local church ordinance, is only for those who profess faith in Jesus as their Savior and that all new believers, as a sign of their faith in Jesus, are obligated to be immersed in water immediately as their first act of public obedience (Matthew 28:19; Acts 2:38-41; 8:36-38; 10:47-48; 16:14-15).
- 8.** We believe that the Lord's Supper is an ordinance of the local church which looks back to the death, and forward to the coming of Jesus; We believe that all Christians are to participate in this symbolic act and by doing so receive spiritual strength for their obedience (1 Corinthians 11:20-26).
- 9.** We believe that the Lord Jesus will come again for His Church and that this imminent "Blessed Hope" has vital bearing on the personal life, conduct, and service of the believer (Titus 2:11-14); We believe that following a time of God's judgment on the earth, Jesus will return with His Bride to reign as David's Son on the earth for one-thousand years, and fulfill the unconditional promise that He gave to Abraham of a land and a kingdom for the Jewish people (Genesis 12:1-3; 2 Samuel 7:12-16; Matthew 24:29-31; Revelation 19:11-16; 20:1-6).
- 10.** We believe that at the end of time there will be a bodily resurrection of the wicked dead to judgment and everlasting punishment (John 5:29b; Revelation 20:5 11-15), preceded by the resurrection of the believer to everlasting blessedness and joy with the Lord (John 5:29a; 1 Corinthians 15:51-58; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18).