

What We Believe

The Scriptures

The Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the verbally inspired Word of God, inerrant in the original writings, infallible, and God-breathed. Thus, they are the final authoritative rule for all faith and life. [II Timothy 3:16-17; II Peter 1:20-21; Matthew 5:18; John 16:12-13]

The Godhead

There is but one God, the Maker, Preserver, and Ruler of all things; who has revealed Himself as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit without division of essences, attributes, or perfections, yet distinct in person, office, and function. [Deuteronomy 6:4; II Corinthians 13:14; Matthew 28:19]

Jesus Christ

Jesus Christ, (the only begotten Son of God), pre-existent in the form of God, took upon Himself sinless human nature by the Virgin Birth in order that He might perfectly fulfill the law, suffer and die upon the cross, be buried and rise again on the third day, reveal God and redeem mankind. His death, burial, and resurrection was representative, vicarious, and substitutionary, and accomplished complete salvation. Now ascended, He is exalted at the right hand of God where He ever lives to make intercession for the saints. [John 1:1-2, 14; Luke 1:35; Romans 3:24-25; 6:1-5; Hebrews 9:24; Romans 8:31; I John 2:1-2]

Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit is the divine person who convinces the world of sin, righteousness, and judgement; and regenerates, baptizes, seals, and indwells all believers unto the day of redemption. He is the author of spiritual gifts and fruit, and continually fills those who yield to Him. [John 16:8-11; I Corinthians 12:12-14; Ephesians 1:13-14; 4:30; 5:18]

The Fall

Man was originally created in the image and likeness of God, but through the temptation of Satan, he transgressed the command of God and fell from his original state; now he is totally depraved, that is, spiritually dead, morally polluted, and physically mortal. [Genesis 1:26-27; 3:1-6; Ephesians 2:1-3, 12; I Corinthians 15:53]

Salvation

Salvation from sin and its consequences is the gift of God's grace, purchased by the death and resurrection of Christ, and received by personal faith in Jesus Christ as Lord. All the redeemed are kept by God's power, and may rejoice in the assurance of salvation through the testimony of God's Word. [Ephesians 2:8-10; John 6:37-40; 10:27-30; Romans 8:35-39; I Peter 1:5; Romans 8:14-16; I John 5:13]

The Church

The universal Church, over which the Lord Jesus is the Head, is a spiritual organism made up of all born-again persons of this present age. The establishment and continuance of local churches free of any external ecclesiastical authority or control is clearly taught in the New Testament. The local church is governed by the plurality of elders and deacons, and recognizes the ordinances of Water Baptism and the Lord's Supper as a means of public testimony. [Ephesians 1:22-23; I Corinthians 12:12-14; Acts 14:27; 20:17; I Timothy 3:1-13; Titus 1:5-11; Acts 20:28; Matthew 28:19-20; Acts 2:41-42; I Corinthians 11:23-26]