

What We Believe

The Bible

We believe that the Holy Bible was written by men who were inspired by the Holy Ghost and is the Word of God - II Timothy 3:16-17

God The Father

We believe that there is one, and only one, true God, who manifests Himself to us in the Person of the Father, in the Person of the Son, and in the Person of the Holy Spirit - Exodus 20:2-3; I Timothy 3:16

The Holy Spirit

We believe that the Holy Spirit is a divine person; equal with God the Father and God the Son and is of the same nature - John 14:16-17

The Devil or Satan

We believe that Satan (Lucifer) was once holy; but through pride and ambition to be as the Almighty, fell and drew after him a host of angels. Currently holding the position as the "god of this world" (II Corinthians 4:4) we hold him to be man's great tempter and the enemy of God and His Christ - Isaiah 14:12-15

Creation

We believe in the Genesis account of creation and that it is to be accepted literally - Genesis 1:1

The Fall of Man

We believe that man was created in innocence under the law of his Maker, but through willful disobedience, fell from his sinless and happy state - Genesis 3:1-6; Romans 5:12, 19

The Virgin Birth

We believe that Jesus was begotten of the Holy Ghost, in a miraculous (supernatural) manner; born of Mary, a virgin - Isaiah 7:14; Matthew 1:18-25

The Atonement for Sin

We believe that salvation is wholly of grace; through the editorial offices of Jesus Christ - John 3:16; Ephesians 2:8-9

The Freeness of Salvation

We believe in God's electing grace; that the blessings of salvation are made free to all by the Gospel and it is the immediate duty of all to accept them by a cordial, penitent and obedient faith - I Thessalonians 1:4; Colossians 3:12; I Peter 1:2

Grace in the New Creation

We believe that in order to be saved, one must be born again and that this new birth makes one a new creature in Christ - John 3:3; II Corinthians 5:17

Justification

We believe that the great gospel blessing which Christ secures to those who are His is Justification: which includes the pardon of sin and the gift of eternal life - Acts 13:39; Romans 8:1, Romans 5:9 Repentance and Faith

The Church

We believe the church to be the Body of Christ; comprised solely of Scripturally baptized believers associated by a covenant of faith and fellowship of the gospel. We believe that Jesus Christ is the head of the local New Testament church and that said church is not to be interfered with or imposed upon by outside entities or agencies - Acts 2:41; Ephesians 2:18-23

Baptism and the Lord's Supper

We believe that Christian baptism is the immersion in water of a believer, in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, with the authority of the local church. It is an act of obedience as is an outward symbol of an inward changing of the heart. As to the Lord's Supper, the sacred use of bread and the fruit of the vine are to commemorate together the love of Christ towards us - Acts 8:36-39; I Corinthians 11:23-28

The Righteous and the Wicked

We believe that there is a radical and essential difference between the righteous and the wicked. The righteous, through faith, are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and are sanctified by the Spirit of God. The wicked, while continuing in impenitence and unbelief, remain under the curse - Malachi 3:18; Romans 6:16-18

Civil Government

We believe that civil government is of divine appointment for the interests and good order of human society; that magistrates are to be prayed for, honored and obeyed; except only in things opposed to the will of our Lord Jesus Christ; who is the only Lord of conscience, the Church, and the coming Prince of the kings of the earth - Romans 13:7; Acts 4:19-20, 5:29; Philippians 2:10-11

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The Resurrection and Return of Christ

We believe in and accept the sacred Scriptures upon these subjects as their face and full value. We believe that Christ rose bodily on the third day, and that He will return bodily to this earth and reign for a thousand years in righteousness - Matthew 28:6-7; Revelation 20:1-6

Missions

The command to give the gospel to the world is clear and unmistakable and this commission was given to the churches - Matthew 28:18-20; Mark 16:15; John 20:21; Romans 10:10-15

The Grace of Giving

Scriptural giving is one of the fundamentals of the faith (II Corinthians 8:7). We are commanded to bring our gifts into the storehouse (common treasury of the church) upon the first day of the week - I Corinthians 16:2; Leviticus 27:30; Malachi 3:10; Acts 4:34-37