

# WHAT WE BELIEVE

## **THE BIBLE**

The Bible is a compilation of God's unique revelation to people. As the inspired, infallible Word of God, it is the supreme and final authority on all matters upon which it teaches. There are not any other writings that are vested with such divine authority.

## **GOD**

There is only one God, creator of heaven and earth, who exists eternally as three persons - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, each fully God yet each personally distinct from the other.

## **PEOPLE**

All people are created in God's image and matter deeply to Him. Central to the message of the Bible is that God loves people, and invites them to live in communion with Himself and in community with each other.

## **SIN AND SALVATION**

Apart from Jesus Christ, all people are spiritually lost and, because of sin, deserve the judgment of God. However, God gives salvation and eternal life to anyone who trusts in Jesus Christ and in His sacrifice on his or her behalf. Salvation cannot be earned through personal goodness or human effort. It is a gift that must be received by humble repentance and faith in Christ and His finished work on the cross.

## **JESUS**

Jesus Christ, God's only son and the second Person of the Trinity, was born of the Virgin Mary, lived a sinless human life, willingly took upon Himself all of our sins, died and rose again bodily, and is at the right hand of the Father as our advocate and mediator. Some day, He will return to consummate history and to fulfill the eternal plan of God.

## **HOLY SPIRIT**

The Holy Spirit, third Person of the Trinity, convicts the world of sin and draws people to Christ. He also indwells and baptizes all Christians at conversion. He is available to empower them to lead Christ-like lives, and gives them spiritual gifts with which to serve the church and reach out to a lost and needy world.

## **LAST THINGS**

Death seals the eternal destiny of each person. At the final judgment, unbelievers will be separated from God into condemnation. Christians will be received into God's loving presence and rewarded for their faithfulness to Him in this life.

## **THE CHURCH: UNIVERSAL**

All Christians are members of the body of Christ, the one true church universal. Spiritual unity is to be expressed among Christians by acceptance and love of one another across ethnic, cultural, socio-economic, national, generational, gender, and denominational lines.

## **THE CHURCH: LOCAL**

The local church is a congregation of believers who gather for worship, prayer, instruction, encouragement, mutual accountability, and community with each other. Through it, believers invest time, energy, and resources to fulfill the Great Commission — reaching lost people and growing them into fully devoted followers of Christ.

## **THE ORDINANCES**

Baptism and the Lord's Supper are the two ordinances the Lord Jesus Christ has committed to the local church. We believe that the Lord's Supper was instituted by Christ for commemoration of His death. The only form of baptism we practice is believer's baptism by immersion. We believe that these two ordinances should be observed and administered until the return of the Lord Jesus Christ.

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