



GOD

We believe there is one true and holy God. He has eternally existed in three persons...the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit...each of whom is co-equal, all of whom together are one God. God is the Creator and Ruler of the universe. In the beginning, God created out of nothing the world and all the things in it, manifesting the glory of His power, wisdom and goodness. By His sovereign power He continues to sustain creation. By His providence He is operating through history to fulfill His redemptive purposes.

Genesis 1:1, 26-27, 3:22 Psalm 90:2 Matthew 28:19 Peter 1:2

JESUS CHRIST

Jesus Christ is the Son of God and is co-equal with the Father and the Holy Spirit. He united himself forever with true human nature through a miraculous conception and virgin birth. He lived a perfect, sinless life of obedience to the Father. He voluntarily atoned for the sins of all people by dying on the cross as their substitute. After three days, He arose from the dead demonstrating His power over sin and death. Through His sacrifice and resurrection, He satisfied divine justice and accomplished salvation for all who trust in Him alone. After His resurrection, He ascended into Heaven where He sits at the right hand of the Father as the only mediator between God and man, continually making intercession for His own. He will come to earth again, personally and visibly, to consummate history and the eternal plan of God.

Isaiah 9:6 Matthew 1:22-23 John 1:1-5, 14:10-30 Acts 1:9-11 Romans 1:3-4 I Corinthians 15:3-4 Timothy 6:14-15 Titus 2:13 Hebrews 4:14-15

HOLY SPIRIT

The Holy Spirit is co-equal with the Father and the Son, Jesus Christ. He existed before the world was created. The Holy Spirit is just as much God, as God the Father, and God the Son. He is eternal. He has all powerful. He is everywhere at the same time and knows/understands everything. He was sent by Jesus to help to teach us and remind us what Jesus taught. The Holy Spirit has a unique role in the world, and especially in salvation. Holy Spirit draws people to God. John 16:8 Holy Spirit reveals truth. Holy Spirit gives spiritual gifts.

Hebrews 9:14 Luke 1:35 Psalm 139:7-11 Cor. 12:13 Cor. 2:10;11 John 14:26 John 16:16



SALVATION

Originally created to have fellowship with God, man defied Him, choosing to go his own independent way. Man was therefore alienated from God and suffered the corruption of his nature, rendering him unable to please God. The fall took place at the beginning of human history and all individuals since have suffered these consequences and are in need of the saving grace of God. The salvation of mankind is, then, wholly a work of God's free grace, not the result – in whole or in part – of human works of goodness. Salvation must be personally received through repentance and faith. We can never make up for our sin by self-improvement or good works. Only by trusting in Jesus Christ as God's offer of forgiveness can anyone be saved from sin's penalty. We are saved and eternal life begins the moment we receive Jesus Christ into our life by faith.

John 1:12, 14:6 Romans 5:1 Romans 6:23 Galatians 3:26 Ephesians 2:8-9 Titus 3:5

ETERNITY

People were created to exist forever. Death seals the eternal destiny of each person. For all mankind, there will be a resurrection of the body into the spiritual world and a judgment that will determine the fate of each individual. We will either exist eternally separated from God by sin or eternally with God through forgiveness and salvation. To be eternally separated from God is Hell. To be eternally in union with Him is Heaven. Heaven and Hell are real places of eternal existence.

John 3:16 John 14:17 Romans 6:23, 8:17-18 I Corinthians 2:7-9 Revelation 20:15

ETERNAL SECURITY

Because God gives us eternal life through Jesus Christ, the true believer is secure in that salvation for eternity. If you have been genuinely saved, you cannot lose it. Salvation is maintained by the grace and power of God, not by the self-effort of the Christian. It is the grace and keeping power of God that gives us this security.

John 10:29 Romans 8:38-39 Ephesians 1:13b-14 I Timothy 1:12 Hebrews 7:25, 19:9-10, 14 I Peter 1:3-5



THE CHURCH

When we come into a personal relationship with Christ, all believers become members of His body – the church. There is one true, universal church comprised of all those who acknowledge Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. The Scripture commands believers to gather together to devote themselves to worship, prayer, teaching of the Word, observance of baptism and the Lord's Supper as the sacramental ordinances established by Jesus Christ, fellowship, service to the body through the development and use of talents and gifts, and outreach to the world. Wherever God's people meet regularly in obedience to this command, there is a local expression of the church. Under the watch-care of elders and other supportive leadership, its members are to work together in love and unity, intent on the one ultimate purpose of glorifying Christ.

Matthew 16:18 Acts 2:42-47 Acts 20:28 Romans 12:4-5I Corinthians 6:15, 17 Ephesians 5:23, 30 Colossians 1:24

BAPTISM

Baptism is an outward expression or symbol of an inward change that has occurred in the life of the believer. It is identification with Christ by picturing His death, burial and resurrection. It is the first command a new Christian is given from Jesus.

Matthew 3:6...Mark 1:9...Acts 8:38

COMMUNION

Communion is a symbolic act of obedience for the believer that celebrates and remembers the death and anticipated return of Jesus through the partaking of the bread and the fruit of the vine

Matthew 26:26-29 Luke 22:14-20

FAITH AND PRACTICE

Scripture is the final authority in all matters of faith and practice. The church recognizes that it cannot bind the conscience of individual members in areas where Scripture is silent. Rather, each believer is to be led in those areas by the Lord, to whom he or she alone is ultimately responsible.



MARRIAGE & FAMILY

It is the biblical position that marriage involves the union of one man and one woman in permanent sacred fidelity. Though various cultures and customs have evolving definitions of marriage, it is God alone who has ultimate authority to prescribe and describe the marital relationship (Genesis 2:24, Matthew 19:1-9, Mark 10:1-12).

Furthermore, sexual intimacy is only properly exercised and pursued within the confines of this marital relationship. Sexual immorality, defined as any sexual activity outside of the boundaries of the sacred marital relationship between one man and one woman, is clearly and expressly prohibited by the Lord (Matthew 15:19, 1 Corinthians 6:9-11, 1 Thessalonians 4:3, Hebrews 13:4).

As a consequence, the Church regards any and all forms of sexual immorality, including adultery, fornication, homosexual behavior, bisexual conduct, bestiality, incest, pornography or even lustful intent toward such, as sinful and ultimately unsatisfying. Moreover, the Church also regards as sinful the intent or desire to surgically alter one's biological sex to a different sex.

Since the body is a creation of God, the Church holds sexual identity to be biologically determined, and associated gender norms are to be observed as appropriate to biblical standards. Disagreement with one's biological sex only leads to spiritual confusion and emotional chaos (Genesis 1:27, Romans 1:26-32, 1 Corinthians 6:9-11).