

# This is what we Believe

#### The Bible

The Bible is the inspired and infallible authoritative Word of God.

**2 Timothy 3:16-17** All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

# **Trinity**

There is one God eternally manifested in the Person of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. He is all powerful, all knowing, ever present, unchanging, completely worthy of our trust, and above all, Holy.

Matthew 28:18-20; Colossians 2:9; Romans 1:20; 1 Corinthians 12:4-6; 2 Corinthians 13:14;

- **1 Corinthians 12:4-6** Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit And there are varieties of ministries, and the same Lord, And there are varieties of effects, but the same God who works all things in all persons.
- **2 Corinthians 13:14** The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

#### The Father

God is great: He is all powerful, all knowing, ever present, unchanging, completely worthy of our trust, and above all, Holy. It is in Him that we live, move and exist. God is good. He is our Father. He is loving, compassionate, and faithful to His people and His promises.

Philippians 4:20; James 1:17; Romans 1:7

**Galatians 4:6** And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!"

**1 Corinthian 8:6** Yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

#### The Son

In the virgin birth of Jesus Christ, in His vicarious and atoning sacrifice through His shed Blood, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension, and in His personal return in power and glory upon the earth.

Matthew 1:25; Isaiah 7:14; Isaiah 9:6; 1 Timothy 3:16

**Isaiah 7:14** Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel.

## The Holy Spirit

The Gospel includes holiness of heart and life, healing of the body, and a definite personal experience with the Holy Spirit whereby the gifts of the Spirit become active in the life of the believer. This work of the Holy Spirit is for men, women, and children.

John 11:25-26;1 Thessalonians 3:13; Isaiah 11:6; 2Timothy 3:15; Matthew 18:1-4

1 Thessalonians 3:13 so that He may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all His saints.

#### Salvation

Regeneration and conversion through faith in Jesus Christ is absolutely essential for the salvation of lost and sinful humanity.

Romans 10:9-10; Ephesians 2:8

**Ephesians 2:8** For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God.

## **Water Baptism**

Water baptism is not a saving ordinance but is essential in obedience to the Gospel and should be administered by immersion.

Acts 1:5 for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.

#### Resurrection

In the bodily resurrection of believers at the end time and the judgment of all mankind; the just unto eternal life the unjust into eternal damnation.

1 Corinthians 15:15-16; 1 Thessalonians 4:16; Mark 16:16; Daniel 12:2

**Daniel 12:2** And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, some to shame and everlasting contempt.

# Unity

In the spiritual unity of all believers in our Lord Jesus Christ.

Psalm 133; Ephesians 4:5; Ephesians 4:13

**Psalm 133:1** Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!

## **Five-fold Ministry**

In the full function of the five-fold ministry, which was given to perfect and equip the saints so they can enter into the work of their ministry, thereby edifying the whole Body of Christ. Ephesians 4:11-12; Ephesians 2:19-22

**Ephesians 4:11-12** And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ.

## Ministry

Both men and women may be called to service church and ministry without restriction due to gender.

Romans 16:1-15; Galatians 3:26-28; Acts 2:7-18

**Galatians 3:26-28** For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

## Marriage

Marriage is a holy sacrament ordained by God as a union of one man and one woman in covenant relationship.

Genesis 1:27-28, 2:23-24

**Genesis 2:23-24** And Adam said: "This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; She shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man." Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.