

## WHAT WE BELIEVE

1. We believe the Scriptures, both Old and New testaments, to be the inspired Word of God, without error in the original writing, the complete revelation of His will for the salvation of all men and women, and the divine and final authority for Christian faith and life. The central focus of all Scripture is the redemptive work of Jesus Christ.
2. We believe in one God, Creator of all things, infinitely perfect, eternally and equally existing in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
3. We believe that Jesus Christ is true God and true man, having been conceived of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary, he died on the cross for our sins, arose bodily from the dead on the third day, ascended into heaven, and is coming again.
4. We Believe that the Holy Spirit indwells all believers in the Lord Jesus Christ; baptizes them into the body of Christ; convicts and reproves of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment; enables understanding of the Scriptures; empowers for Godly living; equipping and gifting for service and witness.
5. We believe that God directly created Adam and Eve, the parents of the entire human race. They were created in His own image, distinct from all other living creatures, in a state of original righteousness. Adam and Eve, having been deceived, fell into sin, resulting in the fall of the entire human race. Consequently, all people are sinners by inheritance and choice, stand condemned before God and are in need of salvation.
6. We believe that salvation is a free gift bestowed by God's grace and is received by faith in Jesus Christ. We believe that only those who put their faith in Jesus Christ as their personal savior are born of and sealed by the Holy Spirit and thus become children of God. We believe the shed blood of Jesus Christ provides the only ground for the justification of all who believe.

7. We believe a New Testament church is a local body of baptized believers, associated by covenant in the faith and fellowship of the gospel; observing the two ordinances of Christ, governed by His laws, exercising the gifts, rights, and privileges invested in them by His Word, and seeking to extend the gospel to the ends of the earth. Each church operates under the Lordship of Christ. In such a church each member is responsible and accountable to Christ as Lord. Its scriptural leaders are elders and deacons. The New Testament speaks also of the church as the Body of Christ which includes all of the redeemed of all the ages, believers from every tribe, and tongue, and people, and nation.
8. We believe in two biblical ordinances for the church. The Lord's Supper is when all true believers reflect on and remember together the sacrificial death of Christ. Water baptism is by immersion soon after salvation and is a testimony of identification with Jesus Christ.
9. We believe it is our duty and privilege to make disciples of all nations. The Lord Jesus Christ has commanded the preaching of the gospel to all nations. It is the duty of every believer to seek to win the lost to Christ by verbal witness undergirded by a Christian lifestyle.
10. We believe in the blessed hope that Jesus Christ will soon return to this earth, personally, visibly and unexpectedly, in power and great glory, to gather His Church, to raise the dead, to judge the nations, and to bring His kingdom to fulfillment. This blessed hope should have a vital bearing on the personal life and service of the believer.