



## The Bible

We believe the 66 books contained in the Protestant cannon to be the inspired word of God. We believe that all Scripture is God-breathed and was written by holy men of God under the guidance and influence of the Holy Spirit. We believe that it is inerrant, free from error, thus it is the final authority on all matters of life. We believe that the Bible is the ultimate source material for all forms of Christian education and discipline.

[2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:21]

## God

We believe that there is only one true and living God. We believe that He is triune in nature and has existed eternally in three distinct persons: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. We believe that they are equally eternal, holy, omniscient, omnipresent, and omnipotent. While they are equal in all aspects, they are submissive to one another in duty and role.

[Deuteronomy 6:4; Isaiah 44: 6-8; Mark 1:9-11; John 1:1, 10:30, 14:19-26; Ephesians 4:5-7]

## Jesus

Jesus is the Son of God. He is the second member of the Godhead, being God the Son. Jesus has always existed with God the Father and was present and active in creation. Jesus is fully God and fully man, being that in the person of Christ contains both divinity and humanity unmixed. In obedience to God the Father for the cause of salvation, Jesus left the presence of the Father and all the splendors of heaven and came to earth to reconcile God and man. He was conceived of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. Jesus grew up and was tempted at all points but never succumbed to temptation, having lived a sinless life. Innocent though He was, He was beaten, tried and crucified and placed in a borrowed tomb. After being physically dead for three days, God the Father through the power of the Holy Spirit raised Christ Jesus from the grave. In His resurrection, He triumphed over death, Hell and the grave and provided access to salvation and eternal life. After His resurrection He appeared to His disciples and over five hundred others and then ascended into heaven. Jesus is seated at the right hand of God the Father and makes intercession for the saints.

[Matthew 1: 18-24; Luke 2:52; Mark 1:9-11, 16;19; John 1:1,14; Act 1:9; 1 Corinthians 15: 4-8; Philippians 2:6-9; Colossians 2:14-15; Hebrew 7:25; 1 John 5:20]

## **Humanity**

Mankind is fallen and spiritually dead. As a result of the fall and their own personal sin, man stands before God condemned and the wrath of God is upon them. Mankind is incapable of saving himself and is in need of a savior. Man, until regeneration, lives in complete rebellion against God and is unable to please and/or live for God. Man's heart unchanged by God is deceitful and from it comes the ills in the world.

[Jeremiah 17:9; Matthew 15:19; Romans 3: 9-26, 8:6-8]

## **Salvation**

Salvation is the process by which God redeems and reconciles man to Himself. In this act of redemption and reconciliation the person is forgiven and cleansed of all sins by the Holy Spirit, freed from the oppressive bondage of sin, delivered from the impending wrath of God, made righteous and holy, given the power to live a righteous and holy lifestyle, conformed to the image of Christ, eventually freed completely from the presence of sin (in heaven that is) and will live eternally with God in heaven. Thus We believe salvation to be a progressive work containing these functions expressed in detail above: regeneration, justification, sanctification, and glorification. Salvation is the free gift of God to all who place their faith in Jesus Christ, who alone is able to save them.

[John 3:16-17, 36; Acts 4:12; 2 Corinthians 5:17-19; Ephesians 2:4-10; Titus 2:14; 1 Peter 1:18-19]

## **The Local Church**

The local church is comprised of a group of believers that are committed to meeting together, regularly, to worship God corporately, grow in Christ, experience Christian community and accountability, serve one another in love with spiritual gifts they have received from God, and reach others with the Good News of the Gospel. Most importantly, We believe that the local church is where disciples are built up into Christ like maturity, prepared for the work of ministry and sent out, specifically and generally, into the mission of God. Christ has assigned the responsibility of growing, preparing, and sending disciples to Pastors and Elders within the local church.

[Matthew 18:15-17, 22:36-39, 28:18-20; Ephesians 4:11-16; 1 Timothy 3:1-7; Titus 1:5-11; 2 Timothy 2:2]

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