



What we believe

1. The Holy Spirit

We believe that the 66 canonical books of the Old and New Testaments are God's Word (2 Timothy 3:16-17, 2 Peter 1:20-21), that their original text was inspired by God and they are therefore infallible and complete. The Bible is the written revelation of God, and therefore the whole of scripture and only scripture alone is the final authority in all matters of faith and life (Revelation 22:18-19, Heb. 1:1). Scripture can only be correctly interpreted through guidance by the Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 2:10-14) and thus cannot lead to contradictory statements. We believe that the Holy Scripture is the ongoing revelation of salvation history, and therefore every text must be interpreted in light of the relevant period of salvation. Any biblical critique, whether from a historical, critical, practical or traditional point of view, is not scripture and we reject it. We agree with the Chicago Declaration on the inerrancy and interpretation of scripture.

2. God

We believe in one God who is eternal and who has revealed himself in three persons as the Father, Son and Holy Spirit (Deut. 6:6, John 1:1, Mt 28:19). We believe He is the creator of all things on heaven and earth (Col 1:16). He is omnipotent, omniscient and omnipresent. In Him there is unlimited wisdom, righteousness, holiness, love, goodness and mercy. He is recognizable to the extent that he reveals himself in the Word and in deed as the source and sustainer of life. We believe in Jesus Christ, the eternal Son of God (John 10:39, 1 John 5:20, Revelation 1:8), who the Father sent and by the power of the Holy Spirit was born of the Virgin Mary and became man. As true God and true man, he led a sinless life on earth (Hebrews 4:15) and died in our place on the cross at Calvary as a sacrifice pleasing to God (John 1:29, Hebrews 9:11-28). He physically rose from the dead, ascended bodily into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God as our high priest (Hebrews 8:1-2, 9-11) and represents us (1 John 2:1), until he returns to judge the living and the dead and fully establish his eternal kingdom (2 Timothy 4:1). We believe in the Holy Spirit, who is one with the Father and the Son, sent from them to work redemption in man: He convicts us of sin, causes us to be born again (John 3:56), dwells in us, confirms salvation, gives gifts, directs, teaches, assigns, empowers to serve, comforts, intercedes, unites believers in one body and glorifies Jesus Christ (John 16:8-15, John 15:26).

3. Man

3.1 Creation

We believe that God created man as an innocent and good being, without sin, and as man and woman according to his image (Genesis 1:26-27&31). We reject the theory of evolution (developmental doctrine) in any and every form (Isaiah 29:16).

3.2 The Fall

We believe that man has intentionally and deliberately sinned against God his creator (Genesis 3:1-13) and thus has brought spiritual and physical death to himself and his descendants. The consequence is eternal separation from the presence of God for the unsaved (Revelation 20:11-15).

4. Salvation

4.1 Redemption

We believe that man is not justified by works before God, but by faith in Jesus Christ (Galatians 5: 6, Romans 3:21-22, Ephesians 2:8-9). The Holy Spirit convicts people of their sin and convinces them of their need to be saved through the word of God (John 16:8-11). All who turn away from their sin in repentance and trust Christ as their personal Savior and Lord receive forgiveness (1 John 1:9). The subsequent baptism by immersion symbolizes that the believer has died with Christ and has risen with him to walk in newness of life (Romans.6; Mark 16:16).

4.2 Sanctification

We believe that the sanctification of every believer is the will of God (1 Thessalonians 4:3). As God is holy, we too, should live holy lives before God, separating ourselves from all evil (1 Thessalonians 4:7, 1 Peter 1:13-19). Believers are not able to live holy lives in their own strength, but only through the power of God (Philippians 1:6,2:1,13:1, 1 Thessalonians 3:12-13). The only perfect example of holiness is the Son of Man, Jesus Christ (1 Peter 2:21-22), and we will not be like him until we are united with Christ in eternity (Romans 8:9).

4.3 Assurance of salvation

True salvation is based on the Word of God (John 20:31). The guarantee of forgiveness is in the faithfulness and righteousness of God, which are unchangeable (1 John 1:9). Assurance of salvation is anchored in the omnipotence of God (John 10:27-28; Rom. 8:31-39). Through the testimony of the Holy Spirit we receive assurance of salvation (Romans 8:16-17). The Bible warns us about the conscious and deliberate rejection of the sanctification process, resulting in our hearts becoming hard through the deception of sin and ultimately causing us to fall away from God (Hebrews 6:4-6; 10:26-27, 12:14).

5. The Church

We believe that all God's children from all nations, cultures and societies belong to the church of Jesus Christ (Revelation 5:9, 1 Corinthians 12:13). A local church of Jesus Christ is the voluntary and binding union of born-again Christians who have been baptized in one place (Acts 2:41)

6. The Future

We believe the church of Jesus Christ will be raptured and the dead will be resurrected in Christ, to be with God in glory for eternity Revelation 21-22, 1 Corinthians 15:51-58, 1 Thessalonians 4:13). We believe that Christ will personally return to establish his messianic, millennial kingdom of peace on earth (Revelation 19:6-20:6). We believe that all unbelievers will rise physically and appear before the Great White Throne, where God will irrevocably condemn them to eternal damnation (Revelation 20:5).