

# CORE BELIEFS

## 1. The Holy Scriptures.

We believe the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the verbally inspired Word of God; the final authority for faith and life, inherent in the original writings, infallible and God-breathed. (1Tim. 3:16, 17; 1 Pet. 1:20, 21; Matt. 5:18; Jn. 16:12)

## 2. The God-Head.

We believe in one Triune God; eternally existing in three persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit; co-eternal in nature, power and glory, and having the same attributes and perfections. (Deut. 6:4; 11 Cor. 13:14; Matt.18:19)

## 3. The Person and Work of Christ.

a. We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ, the eternal Son of God, became man, without ceasing to be God, having been conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary in order that He might reveal God and redeem sinful man. (Jn. 1:1, 2; 1:14; Lk. 1:35)

b. We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ accomplished our redemption through His death on the Cross as a representative, vicarious, substitutionary sacrifices; and that our justification is made sure by His literal, physical resurrection from the dead. (1 Pet. 2:24; Eph. 1:7; 1 Pet. 1:3-5)

c. We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ ascended into heaven and is now exalted at the right hand of God, whereas our High Priest, He fulfills the ministry of Representative, Intercessor, and Advocate. (Acts 1:9, 10; Heb. 9:24; 7:25; Rom. 8:34; 1Jn. 2:1, 2)

## 4. The Person and Work of the Holy Spirit.

a. We believe that the Holy Spirit is a person who convicts the world of sin of righteousness; and of judgment; and that He is the Supernatural Agent in regeneration, baptizing all believers into the Body of Christ, indwelling in and sealing them unto the Day of Redemption. (Jn. 16:8-11; 11Cor. 3:6; 1Cor. 12:12-14; Rom. 8:9; Eph. 1:13, 14)

b. We believe that He is the Divine Teacher who guides believers into all truth; and that it is the privilege and duty of all saved to be filled with the Spirit. (Jn. 16:13; 1Jn. 2:20, 27; Eph. 5:18)

## 5. The Total Depravity of Man.

We believe that man was created in the image and likeness of God, but that Adam's sin caused the race to fall, we inherited a sinful nature, and became alienated from God; and that man is totally depraved, and of himself, utterly unable to remedy his lost condition. (Gen. 1:26, 27; Rom. 3:22, 23; 5:12; Eph. 2:1-3,12)

## 6. Salvation.

We believe that salvation is the gift of God brought to man by grace and received through personal faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, whose precious blood was shed on Calvary for the forgiveness of our sins. (Eph. 2:8-10; Jn. 1:12; Eph. 1:7; 1 Pet. 1:18,19)

## 7. The Eternal Security and Assurance of Believers.

a. We believe that all the redeemed, once saved are kept by the power of God, and thus are secure in Christ forever. (Jn. 6:37-40; 10:27-30; Rom. 8:1; 8:38, 39; 1Cor. 1:4-8; 1Pet. 1:5)

b. We believe that it is the privilege of the believers to rejoice in the assurance of their salvation through the testimony of God's Word, which clearly forbids the use of Christian liberty as an occasion to the flesh. (Rom. 13:13, 14; Gal. 5:13; Tit. 2:11-15)