

OUR BELIEFS IN BRIEF

1. The **BIBLE** (the Word of God) is the only revelation of God to man, being, thus, the only authoritative rule for faith and practice.
2. **EVERY PERSON** is born in a state of total sinful depravity, being unwilling and unable in his own strength to repair the breach with God because of his sinful rebellion.
3. **GOD** is sovereign (fully in charge of all things) in creation (God made all things), providence (God governs all things), and salvation (God restores all things caused by the ruin of sin).
4. **JESUS CHRIST**, the Son of God, willingly died as a substitutionary sacrifice for the sins of His people.
5. **SALVATION** cannot be merited by our “good works;” it is entirely a gift of God’s free grace. God requires sinners to repent of their sins, and to receive, by faith, Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. Salvation, because it is wholly of God, cannot be lost by any failure of the true believer, but all true believers will persevere by the power of God in the faith and in a holy lifestyle.
6. At the time of salvation, all Christians are indwelt by the **HOLY SPIRIT** who regenerates, seals, and baptizes them into the Body of Christ (His church). As the believer lives by the power of the Spirit, he is enabled to live for, love, and serve the Lord in this present evil world.
7. The **CHURCH** consists of all who are—
 - chosen by the Father,
 - redeemed by the Son, and
 - born again by the Holy Spirit.

The church finds its visible expression in a local assembly of believers, gathered together by the Holy Spirit, to glorify God by—

- observing His ordinances (baptism by dipping, and communion)
- promoting His worship,
- teaching His Word to believers,
- practicing the care and discipline of its members, and
- proclaiming His gospel to the lost.