

## ***The Scriptures***

Every word of the original writings of the Holy Scriptures is inspired of God and without error (1 Cor. 2:13; 2 Tim. 3:16; 2 Peter 1:21).

## ***The Godhead***

The Godhead exists eternally in three persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, having the same attributes and these three are one God (Gen. 1:1; Deut. 6:4; Mt. 28:19; Jn. 1:1-3, 4:24, 10:30; 2 Cor. 13:14; Heb. 1:8).

## ***Mankind***

Man was created in the image and likeness of God, but in Adam all mankind fell into sin with the result that all men are sinners, hopelessly sinful in themselves, apart from the grace of God (Gen. 1:12, 9:6; Rom. 3:23, 5:12; Eph. 2:1).

## ***God the Son***

The eternal Son of God became incarnate in the Lord Jesus Christ, who is true God and true man, virgin born and sinless in His life (Mt. 1:21-23; Jn. 1:1,14,18; Heb. 4:15).

## ***Salvation***

Salvation is received by faith alone in Christ, who died in substitutionary sacrifice for our sins. That is, He shed His blood upon the cross for the only acceptable payment for our sins; was buried and rose again, physically, three days later from the grave (Acts 4:12, 13:39; Rom. 4:5; 1 Cor. 15:1-4; 1 Jn. 3:2).

## ***Sanctification***

Every true believer is promised positional sanctification (set apart as a member of God's family), progressive sanctification (being made more like Christ daily as we yield to Him), and ultimate sanctification (when Christ comes for the true church, those who trust Him for their salvation, and gives them their resurrected bodies). (Jn. 17:17; Eph. 5:26; 1 Thess. 4:3-4, 5:27; Heb. 10:10; 1 Jn. 5:13)

## ***Eternal Security***

All who are born of the Spirit through faith in Christ can have assurance of salvation and are eternally secure in Christ (Jn. 3:5-6, 10:28-29, 17:17; Rom. 5:1; 2 Tim. 1:12; 1 Jn 5:13).

## ***God the Holy Spirit***

The Holy Spirit is the third person of the Godhead, who regenerates, indwells, baptizes, seals, and teaches all believers in Christ and fills those yielded to God (Mt. 28:19; Jn. 1:13, 3:3-6, 14:26; Rom. 8:9; 1 Cor. 2:12, 6:19, 12:13; Eph. 1:13, 4:30, 5:18; Titus 3:5).

### ***The Church***

The church, composed of all true believers, is the body and bride of Christ, formed by the baptism of the Holy Spirit, which takes place at the moment of one's placing saving faith in Christ. The local church is a company of baptized (by immersion) believers, whose duty it is to worship God, observe the ordinances, edify itself, and evangelize the world (Mt. 28:18-20; Acts 4:24; 1 Cor. 12:12; Eph. 1 :22-23, 4:12, 5:24-25, 30; Phil. 1:1).

### ***Christian Service***

Christians are called to a holy life of service and testimony in the power of the Holy Spirit, which includes the propagation of the Gospel message to the whole world. There is, promised reward in Heaven for faithfulness in such service (Jn. 12:15, 26; Acts 1:8; 1 Cor. 3:12-15).

### ***The Ordinances of the Church***

The Scriptural ordinances of baptism by immersion and the Lord's Supper are for all true believers in Christ (Mt. 28:19-20; Mk. 16:15-16; Acts 8:12, 36-38, 9:18, 10:47; 1 Cor. 1:16, 11:23-26).

### ***Angels***

Angels were originally created as holy as spirit beings, having reality and personality. Now existing as unfallen and fallen angels, including Satan, and are not omnipresent (Neh. 9:6; Job 1:6-12, 2:1-7; Ps. 148:2-5; Isa. 14:12-15; Mt. 25:41; Eph. 6:11-12; Col. 1:16; Jude 6; Rev. 12:9).

### ***Heaven and Hell***

We believe the soul and spirit of man lives on after physical death either in a literal, eternal Heaven (2 Cor. 5:8), or in a literal, eternal Hell (Lk. 16:22-31).

### ***End Times***

The imminent return of the Lord, which is the Blessed Hope of the church, is to be followed in order by:

- The Tribulation
- The Second Coming of Christ to the earth after the Tribulation
- The establishment of the literal reign of Christ on earth for one- thousand years
- The Eternal State of Blessing for the saved and the Eternal State of Punishment for the unsaved

(Mt. 24:1,29,30, 25:46; 1 Thess. 1:10, 4:13-18; Titus 2:13; Rev. 3:10, 20:1-6, 11-15, 21:1-27).

### ***Dispensations***

God has revealed different dispensations or stewardships with corresponding rules of life, of which the present dispensation is the Age of Grace (Rom. 6:14; Eph. 3:2-6, 9-11; Col. 1:25-27; Heb. 7:18-19).

## ***Sign Gifts***

The sign gifts are not for the church today, as they were given at the beginning of the church as a sign to the Jew that the Gospel of Christ and the indwelling ministry of the Holy Spirit were true and to be accepted. These sign gifts are:

- Speaking in tongues
- The interpretation of tongues
- Healing by the laying on of hands
- Performing of miracles
- Giving of prophecy (1 Cor. 1:22, 14:22).

To the unbelieving Jews at Pentecost (Acts 2:1-42, 3:1-26), to show the believing Jew that the Samaritans could be saved and receive the Holy Spirit (Acts 10:44-48), and to the unsaved Jews who were following the baptism of John (Acts 19:1-7).

Although God is in no way limited in what He can do which is not contrary to His nature, the Scriptures strongly imply that these sign gifts were to be done away with once His completed revelation was made available to man (the Bible). (1 Cor. 14:20)

*"...but when that which is perfect is come, that which is in part shall be done away."*

*1 Cor. 13:8-11*

## ***Separation***

The church should, in accordance with God's Word, be separated both personally and ecclesiastically from all evil works of darkness (Amos 3:3; 2 Cor. 6:14-18; Eph. 5:11; 2 Thess. 3:6,14; 2 Jn. 10-11).

## ***Marriage***

We believe that God creates people in his image as either male or female, and that this creation is a fixed matter of human biology, not individual choice. I believe marriage is instituted by God, not government, is between one man and one woman, and is the only context for sexual desire and expression. (Genesis 1:27; 2:24; Matthew 19:5; Romans 1:26-27; 1 Corinthians 6:9-11)