

Our Beliefs

An Overview Of What We Believe The Bible Teaches

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The Bible

We believe that the Bible - consisting of 66 books and divided by the Old and New Testament - is God's inspired (2 Tim 3:16; Mt 5:18), inerrant (Jn 17:17; 2 Pet 1:20, 21; Heb 6:18), infallible (Ps 19:7; 2 Pet 1:19) and preserved (Mt 24:35; Isa 40:8) Word for mankind. It is the final authority for all matters of faith and practice. As English speaking people, we use the King James Version (For study, teaching, and preaching). We believe that the Masoretic & Received texts are the Word of God. We also believe in regards to translation that every tribe and nation can have the Word of God (as described above) in their language.

God

We believe God is the Creator of all (Gen 1 & 2; Col 1:16; Jn 1:3). He is a spirit (Jn 4:24) and is three - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit - yet one God (Gen 1:26; Deut 6:4; 1 Jn 5:7). He - being three in one - is co-eternal in being, co-identical in nature, coequal in power and glory, and has the same attributes and perfections (Ps 90:2; Mt 28:19; 1 Pet 1:2; 2 Cor 13:14; Deut 6:4; Jn 14:10, 26). He is also equally holy, loving, and just (1 Jn 4:8; 1 Pet 1:16; Deut 32:4). There is no other god besides Him (Isa 45:4).

Jesus Christ

We believe Jesus Christ is the Son of God (Mk 1:1) - being one of the Trinity (1 Jn 5:7; Jn 1). For the salvation of man, He became flesh while continuing to be God (Jn 1:1, 3, 14, 18, 29; Phil 2:5-11; 1 Tim 3:16)- Being born of the virgin Mary and conceived by the Holy Ghost (Isa 7:14; Mt 1:25; Lk 1:26-35). He lived a sinless life, at the end of which He physically died and rose again as God's acceptable payment for sin (Rom 5:6-15; 2 Cor 5:21). After His death and resurrection, Jesus ascended into heaven where He now sits at God's right hand being our Great High Priest (Rom. 8:34; Heb 7:25, 26; 9:24-28; 1 Jn 2:1-2). We also believe that He will one day return to earth to receiving His church at the Rapture, which will be followed by His return seven years later to earth to rule and reign as King for 1,000 years (Acts 1:9-11; Rev 20).

The Holy Spirit

We believe that the Holy Ghost is one of the Trinity - coequal with the Father and Son of God (1 Jn 5:7). Today He is present in the world to make men aware of their need for Jesus Christ (Jn 16:7-13). He also lives in every Christian from the moment of salvation (Jn 14:16-17; 1 Cor 2:12; 3:16). He is the Comforter and guides all men into all Truth (Jn 16:7-13). As Christians, we are commanded to live under His guidance daily (Gal 5:25; Eph 5:18).

Creation

We believe that God created the universe in six literal, 24-hour periods (Gen 1-2; Ex 20:11). We reject evolution, the Gap Theory, the Day-Age Theory, and Theistic Evolution as unscriptural theories of origin.

Mankind

We believe God made mankind in His image and likeness (Gen 1:26-31). He first made man - Adam; and then woman - Eve (Gen 2:7-25). From these two people came the entire human race. Being created with a free-will, mankind chose to disobey God - alienated themselves from Him (Gen 2, 3; Isa 59:1, 2). Adam's sin caused all mankind to inherit a sinful nature (Rom 5:12). Mankind is totally depraved and, of themselves, utterly unable to remedy their lost condition (Isa 53:6a; Rom 3:23; Eph 2:1-3).

Sin & Salvation

We believe that all human beings are born sinners due to the disobedience of our common ancestor, Adam (Isa 53:6a; Rom 3:23; Rom 5:12). We believe that the payment for sin is death (Rom 6:23). Jesus' physical death and resurrection is the only acceptable payment for sin according to God (Jn 14:6; 2 Cor 5:21; Eph 2:8, 9; 1 Jn 2:1, 2). For one to receive this payment for sin they must recognize their sinful nature and put their faith alone in Jesus to save them (1 Jn 1:10; Acts 4:10-12). Salvation is received by confessing Jesus is Lord (God) and believing in one's heart (the innermost part of an individual) that God raised Jesus from the dead for their salvation (Rom 10:9).

Eternal Security

Because God gives mankind eternal life at salvation and the Holy Spirit as our seal, those truly saved cannot lose their salvation (Jn 3:16; Rom 6:23; 2 Cor 1:22; 5:5; Eph 1:13, 14; 4:30). Salvation is maintained by the grace and power of God, not by any human effort (Eph 2:8, 9). God being one who cannot lie, secures our salvation through His promises of eternal life, forgiveness of sin, etc. (Jn 3:16; Jn 10:29; Rom 10:9, 13).

The New Testament Church

We believe that New Testament Church began with the calling out of the twelve apostles by Jesus Christ and was empowered on the day of Pentecost (Mt 16:16-18; Acts 1, 2). We believe that the church on earth is divided into localized congregations consisting of believers who have been saved, baptized, and voluntarily united together for the purposes of worship, exhortation, and service (Acts 2:41-43; Heb 10:25; 1 Pet 4:10).

The biblical offices of the church consist of pastors and deacons (1 Tim 3:4-15).

Baptism And The Lord's Supper

We believe baptism and the Lord's Supper are the two ordinances of God given to believers - they have no part in salvation (Lk 23:39-43; 1 Cor 11:23-28). Baptism is to be done after salvation as a picture and testimony of what God has done in a believer's life (Acts 2:41; 8:36, 39; Rom 6:3-5).

The Lord's Supper is to be observed as a reminder of Jesus' death for our sins until He returns. We believe in the use of bread and grape juice as acceptable means of taking this supper. Only believers should take part in this ordinance. Said believers should be careful not to take the Lord's Supper unworthily (Mt 26:17-30; 1 Cor 11:23-28).

End Times

We believe in the literal interpretation of the Scriptures in their grammatical and historical context. We believe in the Pre-Tribulational Rapture of all believers, followed by a seven-year tribulation (1 Cor 15:51-58; 1 Thess 4:13-18; 5:9; Dan 9; Mt 23:21). We believe in the Pre-Millennial Return of Christ to the earth and His literal rule of 1,000 years (Rev 19-20). Following this one-thousand-year reign will be the Great White Throne Judgment and the new heaven and new earth (Rev 21-22).

Eternity

We believe people were created by God to live forever (Gen 2). Due to mankind's disobedience, every human being will exist eternally separated from God by sin or eternally with God through forgiveness and salvation (Jn 3:16; Rom 6:23). Those eternally separated from God will be in the Lake of Fire (Rev 20:11-15). Those saved will be forever with God in His eternal setup (1 Thess 4:17). The dwelling place of God and the Lake of Fire are real places of eternal existence.