

What we believe

About God

We believe in one true and loving God. God is triune in essential being and revealed to us as Father, Son and Holy Spirit. He is infinite in love, holiness, wisdom and power. He is the creator and sustainer of all things and therefore the Lord of everything and everyone.

Genesis 1:1; Deuteronomy 6:4; Psalm 90:2; Matthew 28:19; John 4:24; 2Corinthians 13:14; 1Peter 1:2; 1John 1:5; 4:8,16.

About Jesus

We believe Jesus Christ is the Son of God. He is coequal with the Father. Jesus lived a sinless human life and offered Himself as the perfect sacrifice for the sins of all people by dying on the cross in our place. He arose from the dead after three days redeeming us from the grip, guilt and punishment of sin and demonstrated His power over Satan, sin and death. He ascended to heavenly glory to be with the Father and one day will return personally in glory and judgement to establish His kingdom.

Isaiah 9:6; Matthew 1:22, 23; John 1:1-5;14-18; Acts 1:9-11; Romans 1:3, 4; 1Corinthians 15:3, 4; 24-28; 2Corinthians 5:21; Titus 2:13,14; Hebrews 4:14,15.

About the Holy Spirit

We believe in the Holy Spirit, eternally one with the Father and the Son, who convicts the world in regard to sin, righteousness and judgement; who makes the death of Christ effective to sinners, declaring that they must turn to Christ in repentance and directing their trust towards the Lord Jesus Christ; who through the new birth makes us partake in the life of the risen Christ, and who is present within all believers; illuminating their minds to grasp the truth of Scripture; producing in them His fruit, granting to them His gifts, and empowering them for service in the world.

John 14 -16; Acts 1:8; 1Corinthians 2:12; 16, 17; 12:4-6; 2Corinthians 3:16-18; Galatians 5:22-25; Ephesians 1:13,14; 5:18 Titus 3:3-7.

About People

We believe that people both male and female, are created in God's own image, meaning that we are spiritual beings with personality, moral discernment and capacity to know the creator God. However we are now members of a fallen race, sin has broken our relationship with God and we have fallen short of His glory. This has damaged our capacity to know Him and lead righteous lives apart from Christ.

Genesis 1:26, 27; Psalm 8:3 - 6; Isaiah 53:6a; 59:1, 2; Romans 3:23; 5:12.

About the Bible

We believe the Bible is God's word for all people and as such is an infallible guide and without error in its revelation of God's nature; and His plan and purpose for the world. The sixty six books of the Bible were written by holy people of God inspired by the Holy Spirit.

Psalm 12:6; 119:105,160; John 5:39, 40; 2Timothy 1:13; 2:24-26; 3:15-16; 1Peter 1:23-25; 2Peter 1:20,21.

About Salvation

We believe salvation is a free gift from God to people. People can never make up for their sin by self-improvement or good works. As sinners we were subject to his wrath, condemned to an eternity without Him, but, by His grace, He has put us right with Himself through our faith in Jesus Christ as our Lord and Saviour. Only by trusting in Jesus Christ as God's offer of forgiveness can anyone be saved from sin's penalty - eternal separation from God. Eternal life begins the moment a person receives, Jesus Christ into his or her life by faith and it's at this point that the Holy Spirit comes to live in his or her life.

Romans 5:8-11; 6:23; Ephesians 2:1-10.

About the Church

We believe that Jesus Christ alone is the head of the Church and that there is one true Church, comprised of all those who acknowledge Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord. The local Church, under the guidance of leaders (we hold that Christ gives leaders to His Church) and the body of believers must work together in love and unity to fulfil its mission and glorify Christ.

We affirm the 'priesthood of all believers', in which all members of the church are called to ministry; with some among us called to exercise spiritual leadership, which is always to be understood as serving.

This body of believers gather themselves together for worship, prayer, teaching of the Word, fellowship, service and the observance of baptism and communion

Eph 5:23; Col 1:18; Eph 4:11-12; Acts 2:42-47; 1 Peter 2:5-9;

About the Sacraments

We believe in the sacrament of Baptism by Immersion for those who have personal faith in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour. Baptism is a symbol of the believer's union with Christ in His death, burial and resurrection. It is an act of allegiance to Christ as Lord of our lives and a sign of commitment to his church.

Mat 3; 28:18-20; Acts 2:38; 8:26-39; Romans 6:3, 4.

We believe in the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. It is a meal at which Christ invites all those who love Him, to share with Him in remembrance of His passion. The Lord's Supper is a celebration of the sacrifice of our Lord for our sins and an act of recommitment to Jesus Christ as Lord of our lives.

Matthew 26:17-30; 1Corinthians 10:16, 17; 11:17-34