



Section 1. - The Holy Scriptures

We believe that the Bible, consisting of Old and New Testament Scriptures, is the verbally and plenary inspired Word of God, His Revelation to man, inerrant in the original writings and that it is therefore the supreme and final authority in all matters of doctrine, faith and life. (II Timothy 3:16-17)

Section 2. - The Trinity of the God-Head

We believe in one God, eternally existing in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. (Matthew 28:19)

Section 3. - The Pre-Existence, Deity, and Incarnation of Jesus Christ

We believe that Jesus Christ ever existed with the Father and Holy Spirit and that in His incarnation was begotten by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary and is true God and true man. (John 1:1-19; I Timothy 3:16)

Section 4. - The Creation and Fall of Man

We believe that man was created in the image of God; that he sinned and thereby incurred not only physical death but also spiritual death which is separation from God; and that all human beings are born with a sinful nature, are totally depraved and for those who reach moral responsibility become sinners in thought, word and deed, and that they must be born-again to be accepted of God. (Romans 5:12; 3:10; 3:23; John 3:1-21)

Section 5. - The Death, Resurrection and Ascension of Jesus Christ

We believe that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures as a representative and a substitutionary sacrifice, and that all who believe in Him are saved on the grounds of His shed blood. We believe that He arose bodily from the dead on the third day in the same body in which He suffered and died. We also believe that our Lord ascended into Heaven; that He is now seated at the right hand of the Father and is our High Priest and divine Advocate with the Father. We believe that by His finished work on the cross and His unceasing ministry of intercession in Glory, that Jesus Christ has procured for every believer Eternal Redemption, Eternal Salvation, and Everlasting Life.

(I Corinthians 15:3; 15:4; John 20:27; Mark 16:19; Hebrews 8:1; 7:25; I John 2:1; Hebrews 9:12; 5:9; John 3:16)

Section 6. - The Personality and Ministry of the Holy Spirit

We believe that there is one true and living God; Creator of Heaven and earth; and that in the unity of the Godhead there are three persons, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, equal in divine perfections and exercising distinct but harmonious operations in the great work of redemption. (Deuteronomy 6:4; Matthew 3:13-17)

Section 7. - Nature of Church

We believe that the Church of Jesus Christ was begun at Pentecost when the Holy Spirit descended from Heaven and came into the church; that is composed solely of born-again people who have been called out from among the Jews and Gentiles to become the Body and Bride of our Lord. Christ, glorified in Heaven is its Head and the Holy Spirit on earth is the active agent of the God-Head who seeks to bring about within its rank conformity and obedience to the Word of God and the Will of God. The one body unites Believers to each other, and all to Christ; and its chief purpose of existence is to proclaim the Gospel to the world. (Acts 2; Romans 1:16; Acts 15:14; Ephesians 5:23-24; I Corinthians 12:12-13; Mark 16:15; Acts 1:8)

Section 8. - Ordinances

We believe that two ordinances are significant above any other that Christians are commanded to observe, namely Water Baptism and the Lord's Supper. While recognizing that Water Baptism has no saving merit, it is our conviction that after one is saved, Baptism is the next step in order to portray to the world the believer's union with Christ in His death, burial and resurrection. It is our conviction that the scriptural method of Water Baptism is immersion. We believe that Jesus Christ instituted the Lord's Supper to commemorate His death till He comes. We further believe that Water Baptism by immersion is observed but once, and is a sign of identification, and a testimony to newness of life, but the Lord's Supper is commemorative and is to be observed as a memorial of the Broken Body and the shed Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. (Matthew 28:19; 3:13-17; I Corinthians 11:23-33; Acts 3:31-38)

Section 9. - Our Lord's Second Advent

We believe in the Blessed Hope, the personal, premillennial, pretribulation, and imminent return of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, which is known as the Rapture of the Church. We also believe in the personal, visible, and glorious return of Christ to the earth with His Saints at the end of the great tribulation. This phase of His coming is known as the Revelation of Jesus Christ. When He returns to earth with His Saints, we believe that Jesus Christ will establish His Millennial Kingdom and will reign for one thousand years. (Titus 2:13; I Thessalonians 4:13-17; John 14:3; Revelation 19:11-21; 20:1-6)

Section 10. - Israel's Place in God's Program

We believe that "the gifts and calling of God are without repentance", and therefore His covenant people, Israel, now blind and scattered, shall be redeemed and regathered to the Land of Promise which is commonly known as Palestine; and under the personal and millennial reign of Christ upon David's throne in Jerusalem, shall become the head of the nations and "the Gentiles shall come to their light and kings to the brightness of their rising." (Romans 11:25-29; Psalm 72; Isaiah 60:3)

Section 11 - The Resurrection of the Dead

We believe in the bodily resurrection of the just at the Rapture; (1 Thessalonians 4:16; 1 Corinthians 15:51-57) and of the unjust at the Great White Throne Judgment. (Revelation 20:11-15; John 5:28-29)

Section 12 - The Eternal State of the Saved and the Lost

We believe in a Heaven and a Hell. Heaven, the place of eternal conscious joy for all who receive Jesus Christ as their personal Savior. Hell, the place of conscious punishment for all who reject Jesus Christ and those dying in their sin until the final judgment at which time death and Hell are cast into the Lake of Fire which is the place of eternal conscious punishment. (John 14:1-6; Psalm 16:11; Philippians 1:21-23; Psalm 9:16; John 8:24; II Thessalonians 1:7-9; Revelation 20:10-15)

Section 13. - The Personality of Satan

We believe that Satan is a personal being, a fallen angel, prince of demons, the god of this age, the great enticer and deceiver, the adversary of Christ and His people, the accuser of the brethren, whose end is the Lake of Fire. (Isaiah 14:12-15; Ezekiel 28:12-19; II Corinthians 4:3-4; Revelation 20:10.)

Section 14. - Salvation

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

Section 15. - The Assurance of Believers

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

Section 16. - Eternal Security

We believe that salvation is an eternal state, that once truly secured, cannot be lost. (John 5:24; 10:27-29; Romans 11:29; Philippians 1:6; Ephesians 4:13-14; 4:30; I Peter 1:3-5)

Section 17. - The Two Natures of the Believer

We believe that every saved person possesses two natures with provision made for victory of the new nature over the old nature through the power of the indwelling Holy Spirit; and, that all claims to the eradication of the old nature in this life are unscriptural. (Romans 6:13; 8:12-13; Galatians 5:16-25; Ephesians 4:22-24; Colossians 3:10; I Peter 1:14-15; I John 3:5-9)

Section 18. - Separation and Sanctification

We believe that the Scriptures clearly teach non-conformity to the world for every believer; that born-again people should be separated from the world unto Christ; that it is clearly commanded of God to all believers to live lives of separation from all worldly and sinful practices and to be Holy as He is Holy. We believe that positional sanctification occurs at the moment of regeneration and that practical sanctification is to be progressive throughout the entire life span of a believer here on earth. God's provision for holy living is in the believer's identification with Christ in His death, resurrection, and ascension; the indwelling person and power of the Holy Spirit and the believer's yielded-ness to Him; and by the powerful Word of God. (Colossians 3:1-4; II Corinthians 6:14-17; Titus 2:14; I Peter 1:14-16; Colossians 1:13; Hebrews 10:1 and 10:14; II Corinthians 7:1; II Corinthians 3:18; II Peter 3:18; Romans 6:1-14; Ephesians 1:15 – 2:6; John 17:17; Hebrews 4:12; Ephesians 5:25-27; I Corinthians 6:19-20; Galatians 5:16-23; Romans 6:13)

Section 19. - Sexuality

- a. We believe that God has commanded that no intimate sexual activity be engaged in outside of a marriage between a man and a woman. We believe that any form of homosexuality, lesbianism, bisexuality, bestiality, incest, fornication, adultery, and pornography are sinful perversions of God's gift of sex. An employee of the church involved in any of the aforementioned practices or who may become pregnant or cause pregnancy as a result of consensual intercourse, outside of the marriage relationship, shall be terminated from employment. (Genesis 2:24; 19:5,13; 26:8-9; Leviticus 18:1-30; Romans 1:26-29; 1 Corinthians 5:1; 6:9 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8; Hebrews 13:4)
- b. We believe that the only legitimate marriage is the joining of one man and one woman. (Genesis 2:24; Romans 7:2; 1 Corinthians 7:10; Ephesians 5:22-23) We believe that men and women are

spiritually equal in position before God but that God has ordained distinct and separate spiritual functions for men and women in the home and the church. The husband is to be the leader of the home and men are to be the leaders (pastors and deacons) of the church. Accordingly, only men are eligible for licensure and ordination by the church. (Galatians 3:28; Colossians 3:18; 1 Timothy 2:8-15; 3:4-5, 12)

Section 20. - Abortion

We believe that human life begins at conception and that the unborn child is a living human being. Abortion constitutes the unjustified, unexcused taking of unborn human life. Abortion is murder. We reject any teaching that abortions of pregnancies due to rape, incest, birth defects, gender selection, birth, or population control or for the mental well-being of the mother are acceptable. (Job 3:16; Psalms 51:5; 139:14-16; Isaiah 44:24; 49:1,5; Jeremiah 1:5; 20:15-18; Luke 1:44)

Section 21. - Missions

We believe that God has given the church a great commission to proclaim the gospel to all nations so that there might be a great multitude from every nation, tribe, ethnic group and language group who believe on the Lord Jesus Christ. As ambassadors of Christ, we will consider using all available means to go to the foreign nations and not wait for them to come to us. (Matthew 28:19-20; Mark 16:15; Luke 24:46-48; John 20:21; Acts 1:8; II Corinthians 5:20)