



FOUNDATIONAL DOCTRINES

- 1. THE SCRIPTURES** We believe that the Bible is the verbally inspired Word of God and, therefore, inerrant in the original manuscripts. The Bible is our unchanging, final, and complete basis for doctrine. *II Timothy 3:16, 17; II Peter 1:20, 21; John 17:17; Matthew 5:18; John 12:47-48; John 15:12-13; Hebrews 1:1-2; Hebrews 4:12; I Peter 1:25; Psalm 119:89.*
- 2. THE GODHEAD** We believe there is only one God. But in the unity of the Godhead, there are three eternal and co-equal persons, namely the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Because they each possess the same attributes, perfections, and glory, they are equally worthy of worship and obedience. *Deuteronomy 6:4; Mark 12:29; Matthew 28:19; II Corinthians 13:14; John 6:27; Hebrews 1:8, Acts 5:3-4; Genesis 1:26.*
- 3. GOD
THE FATHER** We believe that God the Father is Jehovah. He is the Father over all creation, Israel, our Lord Jesus Christ, and all believers in Jesus Christ. The intrinsic nature of the Father is infinite, Eternal, Holy, Unchanging, Everywhere Present, All Powerful, All Knowing, Just, Love, Truth, and Sovereign. *Exodus 2:6-8; Acts 17:28-29; Exodus 4:22; Deuteronomy 14:2; Matthew 3:17; John 3:16; Galatians 3:26; Psalm 2:7-9, Ephesians 1:3-6; Hebrews 12:9; I Kings 8:27; Psalm 90:2; I John 1:5; James 1:1; Psalm 139:7-12; Ephesians 1:4, Acts 17:31; Acts 15:18; I John 4:16; Romans 3:4; Deuteronomy 29:29; Revelation 19:6.*
- 4. GOD
THE SON** We believe that in our Lord Jesus Christ dwells the fullness of the Godhead bodily. He is constantly and simultaneously God with all His divine attributes and Man with all his human attributes except sin. His deity and humanity are inseparably united forever. He was eternally pre-existent but voluntarily took upon Himself sinless human flesh and nature, being conceived of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. *Colossians 2:9; Hebrews 1:8; Luke 19:10; Philippians 2:4-11; Micah 5:2; Hebrews 2:17; Matthew 1:16; Luke 1:26-35; II Corinthians 5:21; Hebrews 4:15; I John 4:2-3.*

We believe that our Lord Jesus Christ was incarnated to reveal God to man and redeem us from our sin and death. This redemption was accomplished through His death on the cross as our representative. His literal and physical resurrection out of death secures life everlasting for the redeemed. His resurrection body is a pattern of that body which will ultimately be given to all the redeemed. He is now exalted at the right hand of God, where as our High Priest, He intercedes and advocates for us. At God's designated time in the future Jesus will return to set up the Eternal Kingdom, judge the living and the dead and usher in the eternal state. *John 14:8-11; Hebrews 1:13; Luke 19:10; Revelation 5:9; Galatians 3:13; John 1:29; Romans 3:25-26; II Corinthians 5:14-15; Hebrews 10:5-14; I Peter 3:18; I Peter 1: 3-4; John 20:19-29; I Corinthians 15:20-23; Acts 1:9-10, Hebrews 9:24; Hebrews 7:25; Romans 8:34; I John 2:1-2.*

-DOCTRINAL STATEMENT-

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5. GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT

We believe that God the Holy Spirit is a real person with all the attributes of personality and deity. His ministry in salvation is first convicting man of sin, righteousness, and judgment, and then regenerating the convinced sinner. He instantaneously indwells the believer, baptizes all believers into the body of Christ, and seals the believer's salvation from the day of conversion until the day of redemption.

I Corinthians 2:10-11; Ephesians 4:30; I Corinthians 12:11; Acts 5:3-4; John 16:8-11; Titus 3:5; I Corinthians 6:19; I Corinthians 12:13; Ephesians 1:13.

The Spirit's ministry to the Christian includes teaching Biblical truth, guiding us into righteous living according to the will of God, and assuring the Christian of his salvation. Furthermore, He convicts us of sin, restrains us from evil, and controls those yielded to Him. He produces spiritual fruit in the life of the believer and gives spiritual gifts, as He chooses, to every believer. These God-given abilities enable us for a ministry of edification to and for the Church.

John 16:12-15; Romans 8:14, 16, 26; Ephesians 5:18; Galatians 5:22-23; I Corinthians 12:7,11; II Thessalonians 2:7; I Corinthians 13:8-13; I Corinthians 14:21-22.

6. THE CREATION AND FALL OF MAN

We believe that man was created in the image and likeness of God, but he lost his condition of innocence by volitionally sinning in rebellion against God. Consequently, man lost his spiritual life and became spiritually dead in his trespasses. This spiritual death and total depravity of man's nature has been transmitted to the entire human race, with Jesus Christ alone being excepted. Everyone is the recipient of imputed sin, but is also responsible for the execution of personal sins.

Genesis 1:26; Genesis 2:17; Genesis 3:1-21; Ephesians 2:1-3; II Corinthians 5:21; Romans 5:12-19; Romans 3:10, 23; Romans 6:23.

7. SALVATION BY GRACE

We believe that salvation, the gracious gift of God, is freely offered to all, but individually received by personal faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. His shed blood enables the forgiveness of sins and satisfies all God's righteous demands for our salvation. Salvation by grace through faith, of necessity excludes all of man's attempts to procure salvation by meritorious efforts of any kind including baptism, partaking of the communion meal, good works, or any such thing.

Ephesians 2:8-10; Romans 6:23; Romans 3:24-26; John 3:16-18; I Peter 1:18-19; Acts 16:30-31; Romans 8:1,16, 38-39; I Peter 1:5; I John 5:11-13.

8. THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST

We believe that the Church, which is the Body and Bride of Christ, is a spiritual organism comprised of all born-again persons. Furthermore, we believe that the establishment and continuance of organized local churches is clearly taught and defined in the New Testament Scriptures.

Matthew 16:16-18; Acts 2:42-47; Romans 12:5; I Corinthians 12:12-27; Ephesians 1:20-23; Ephesians 4:3-10; Acts 14:23; Romans 16:5; I Corinthians 16:19; I Timothy 3:1-13; Titus 1:5-11; Philemon 1-2