

What We Believe

Our Theology Unpacked

The supernatural and plenary (total, full, complete) inspiration of the Scriptures that they are inerrant and that their teachings and authority are absolute, supreme, and final;

We believe the Bible is God's way of communicating with people today. The different books and authors who helped write the Bible were completely and totally influenced and directed by God. Because the Bible was created and directed by God's complete influence, we believe the Bible is 100% true and correct. No errors. The teaching of the scriptures is the final authority for our lives. Meaning, when we have a situation in life when we don't know the right move or decision to make, when societal norms change, or when we don't like our president, we look to the Bible for the guidelines and principles given by God to direct our lives and our actions. We believe the Bible, and the Bible only, has the authority under God's direction, to direct and guide us.

The Trinity of the Godhead God, the Father; God, the Son; and God, the Holy Spirit;

The personality of God; the personality and deity of Jesus Christ (Jesus Christ and God are one;

Jesus Christ is God incarnate in the flesh), begotten of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, very God and very Man; the personality of the Holy Spirit;

We believe in the Holy Trinity. This means we believe that, like an egg, there are three parts that make up the whole of who God is. Those three parts are known as...

1. God - The Father. God the Father is all-knowing, always present, and eternal. He never changes, and is always loving, compassionate, and faithful. He is the perfect father and fulfills His promises to His children. Above all, He is also holy; He can never do wrong. He is the one who gave us life, and it is in Him that we live our day to day life.

2. God - The Son (Jesus Christ). Jesus Christ was the physical representative of God on earth. Jesus was born to the virgin Mary, lived a perfect life, did many miracles, healed the sick, loved and cared for those society rejected, and ultimately was crucified by his own people and the Roman government. Jesus was completely human and completely God. This aspect of who Jesus is can be hard to understand. It's like when you mix a pure blue and pure red and get the color purple. It's still 100% both colors, they have just fused together to create a beautiful new color. It's the same with Jesus' humanity and His deity. Because Jesus was not only a man but also God, He was the only one who could be sent by God the Father to die on a cross and be the sacrifice that all of humanity needed in order to be able to reunite with God the Father after death. After Jesus was crucified he was buried, then three days later he rose from the dead. After rising from death, Jesus ascended into Heaven and now waits for the day when He can come back to bring those that believe in Him to Heaven.

3. God - The Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is the third and final aspect of God. Jesus told His disciples that when He left the earth He would send the Holy Spirit to live in the hearts of those who believe in Jesus. Jesus also described the Holy Spirit as the Comforter, and that it was better for us to have the Holy Spirit than Jesus Himself. The Holy Spirit lives within the hearts of believers in Jesus, and is the assurance of a relationship with Him. The Holy Spirit guides and directs the believer to truth and a deeper, meaningful relationship with God. He convicts people of sin, the righteousness of God, and the truth of the Bible. He is a comfort in times of trouble and He is the means by which every believer has a relationship with God.

The resurrection of Jesus Christ that His body was raised from the dead, according to the Scriptures, and that He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God as the believers Advocate;

According to historical fact and Biblical truth, we believe that Jesus Christ was crucified by the Jewish community and the Roman government, was buried in a borrowed tomb, lay dead for three days, and was resurrected by the power of God on the third day. By being brought back to life, Jesus conquered death and ended the permanent separation of humanity from God. He served as the perfect sacrifice to meet the requirements for God's holy standards that no man, woman, or child could ever hope to meet. After Jesus was raised from the dead, He stayed on the earth for a period of about 30 days to show His believers and those who acted against Him that He was God. Jesus showed Himself to over 500 people during that time. After this, He ascended into Heaven so the Holy Spirit could come, and now sits at the right hand of God and advocates on the behalf of believers.

The sinfulness of man that all human beings are born with a sinful nature, are totally depraved, and need a Savior from sin; The atonement that Jesus Christ became the sinners sacrifice before God when He shed His blood and died as the propitiation (payment) for the sins of the whole world;

According to the Bible, the perfection God had created the world in was destroyed when Adam and Eve chose to disobey Him by eating the forbidden fruit in the Garden of Eden. Because of Adam and Eve's choice, sin entered the world and destroyed the perfection they had enjoyed. Not only was perfection destroyed, but humankind was forever separated from God - physically and spiritually. Humankind would now have to suffer death, hard labor, pain in giving birth, and friction in relationships. These consequences would affect every human being from Adam and Eve until the end of time. We do not believe that every single person is guilty of Adam and Eve's sin, but we all must suffer the consequences, which means a separation from God. This can only be fixed by belief in Jesus Christ, his death, burial, and resurrection - better known as the Gospel.

The necessity of the new birth salvation is by grace, through faith, and not of works. Saving faith will maintain good works in the life of the believer;

The literal resurrection of the body both of the just and the unjust;

The everlasting blessedness of the saved and the everlasting punishment of the lost;

The evangelization of the world. The supreme mission of God's people in this age is to preach the gospel to every creature;

The second coming of Christ, according to Scriptures.