

## WHAT WE BELIEVE

**The Bible** – We believe that the Bible, sixty-six books in the Old and New Testaments, is without error in its original writing (2 Tim. 3:16), its author was God (2 Peter 1:19-21), being thereby verbally and plerarily inspired (Matt. 5:18).

**Creation** – We believe the Genesis account of creation should be understood literally; that is twenty-four hour days; that all animal and vegetable life was made directly by God and that man was created in God's own image and did not evolve (Gen. 1:1-26).

**The Triune God** – We believe there is one living and true God who exists in three Persons; the Father is God (1 Cor. 8:6), the Son is God (John 1:1, 14; Heb.1:8-10), and the Holy Spirit is God (Acts 5:3-4).

**Jesus Christ** – We believe Lord Jesus Christ was born of a virgin (Isa.7:14; Matt.1:18-25; Luke 1:26-38), lived a sinless life (2 Cor. 5:21), rose bodily from the dead (1 Cor. 15:20), and ascended to God the Father to rule as the KING OF KINGS and LORD OF LORDS (Ro. 1:4; Rev. 19:16).

**Man** – We believe man, although originally created without sin (Gen. 1:27, 31), by one transgression fell (Gen. 3:6, 7; Ro. 5:12, 19.) so that all mankind are now sinners and justly under condemnation (Eph. 2:2, Ro. 3:9-18, 23).

**Salvation** – We believe salvation is available to mankind through the finished work of Jesus Christ who died on the cross and shed His blood for the remission of sins (Ro. 3:25; Heb. 9:22). Salvation for sinners is by grace alone through faith alone and is available to all who genuinely call upon the Lord Jesus Christ (John 3:16; Ro.10:13; Eph. 2:8). All true believers are eternally secure (John 10:27-29; Ro. 8:38-39).

**Sanctification** – We believe the believer is sanctified positionally at the time of salvation by the completed work of Jesus Christ (John 19:30; 1 Cor. 1:2); sanctified progressively by the continuing work of Jesus Christ through the Spirit and the Word (Ro. 7:24- 8:13; John 17:17), and will be completely sanctified only at the time of glorification (Col. 3:4; 1 John 3:1, 2).

**The Holy Spirit** – We believe the Holy Spirit permanently indwells all believers at the time of salvation and places them into the body of Christ (1 Cor.12:13). The Holy Spirit convicts the lost of their need for salvation (John 16:7-11) and assures believers that they are children of God (Ro. 8:16; Eph. 1:13).

**End Times** – We believe the blessed hope of the believer is the imminent, personal, premillennial appearance of Jesus Christ (1 Thess. 4:13-18, 5:9; Rev. 6:17). The lost will face eternal punishment (John 5:28-29; Rev. 20: 11-15) and the saved will enter into the eternal presence of the Lord (1 Thess. 4:17).