

What We Believe

Relevant is faithful to the unchanging content of the Bible, while remaining relevant to the continually changing context of our culture.

About the Bible

We believe the entire Holy Bible – composed of the sixty-six books of the Old and New Testaments – to be the inspired Word of God, the final authority for faith and life, without error in the original writings, and absolutely trustworthy.

(Matthew 5:18, John 16:12-13, 2 Timothy 3:15-17, 2 Peter 1:20-21)

About God

We believe in one triune (trinity) God, eternally existing in three persons – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – co-eternal and co-equal in all things, and infinitely perfect.

(Deuteronomy 6:4, Matthew 5:48, 2 Corinthians 13:14)

We believe God is the creator, ruler, and sustainer of the universe.

(Genesis 1:1, Psalms 90:2)

About Humanity

We believe people are the supreme object of God's love, being created in the image of God's character to have an intimate relationship with Him, but became separated from that relationship through disobedience called "sin," resulting in both physical and spiritual death.

(Genesis 1:26-27, Isaiah 59:2, Mark 7:20-23, Romans 5:12)

We believe that all people are born with a sinful nature, totally corrupt in God's eyes, and completely incapable of restoring a right relationship with God through their own efforts.

(Romans 3:10-12, 3:23, 6:20, Ephesians 2:1-3)

About Eternity

We believe that every person will literally exist for eternity, either separated from God in Hell because of sin experiencing judgment and torment, or united with God in Heaven because of the forgiveness of sins through faith in Jesus Christ experiencing eternal life.

(John 3:16, 5:28-29, 1 John 5:11-13, Revelation 20:15)

About Jesus Christ

We believe that Jesus Christ is the second member of the trinity (the eternal son of God) who became a man without ceasing to be God, having been conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary, in order to reveal God to humanity and become the savior of sinful man.

(Isaiah 9:6, Matthew 1:22-23, Luke 1:34-38, John 1:1-2, Philippians 2:6-11)

We believe that Jesus Christ lived a sinless human life, voluntarily offered himself as the perfect sacrifice in our place through his death on the cross, and physically rose from the dead (resurrected) three days later to set us free from the consequences and penalty of sin.

(Acts 2:23-24, Romans 3:24, 1 Corinthians 15:3-4, Ephesians 1:7, Hebrews 2:9, 1 Peter 1:3-5, 2:24, 3:18)

We believe that Jesus Christ physically ascended into heaven, is now at the right of the Father as our representative, and will physically return again to establish his eternal kingdom.

(Matthew 26:64, Luke 21:27, Acts 1:9-10, Romans 8:34, 14:9, Hebrews 4:14-15, 2 Timothy 4:1, 1 John 2:1-2)

About Salvation

We believe that salvation is a free gift brought to people by the grace of God for the forgiveness of sin's penalty, provided by Jesus Christ's shed blood on the cross as sufficient payment for our sin, and is received by those who put their faith in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ by asking him to be the forgiver of their sins and leader of their life.

(John 1:12, 14:6, Romans 5:1-2, 6:23, Ephesians 1:7, 2:8-9, Titus 3:5, 1 Peter 1:18-19)

About the Holy Spirit

We believe the Holy Spirit is the third member of the trinity (the Spirit of God) who makes sinful people aware of their need for Jesus Christ as their savior, supernaturally giving a new heart to everyone who genuinely places their faith in Jesus Christ, immediately making them a part of the body of Christ (the Church), permanently living within them from the moment of salvation to empower fully-devoted living for Jesus Christ, and continually transforming them to become more like Jesus Christ.

(John 3:3-8, 14:15-17, 16:8-13, Acts 1:8, Romans 8:9, 1 Corinthians 12:12-14, 2 Corinthians 3:6, Ephesians 5:18, 1 Thessalonians 5:23)

About Eternal Security

We believe that – by the power and grace of God – every person who becomes a Christ-follower by truly placing their faith in Jesus Christ can never lose their salvation. We believe “if saved, always saved.”

(Matthew 7:21-23, John 10:27-30, Romans 8:1, 8:38-39, 1 Corinthians 1:4-8, Ephesians 1:13-14, 1 Peter 1:3-5)

We believe Christ-followers should never use their “eternal security” as an excuse to sin.

(Romans 6, 12:1-2, 13:13-14, Galatians 5:13, Titus 2:11-15)

About the Ministry of Christ-followers

We believe God blesses every Christ-follower with unique abilities – called spiritual gifts – to continue the ministry of Jesus Christ, that the Holy Spirit ultimately develops these gifts, but that it is the Christ-follower's responsibility to use the gifts they are given. We do not believe that any particular spiritual gift proves the presence of the Holy Spirit in a person's life.

(Romans 12:1-8, 1 Corinthians 12:1-13, Ephesians 4:1-13, 1 Peter 4:10-11)

We believe God hears and answers prayers of faith, according to His will, for those who are sick and suffering.

(John 15:7, James 5:13-16, 1 John 5:14-15)

About the Church

We believe the Church is made up of every person who becomes a Christ-follower by truly placing their faith in Jesus Christ, is the body of Christ because it carries out the commands, work, and ministry of Jesus Christ in this present age, and that Jesus Christ is ultimately in charge (the head).

(Matthew 28:18-20, 1 Corinthians 12:12-14, Ephesians 1:22-23, 5:22-27)

We believe the local church is a community of Christ-followers who are joined together by their commitment – under qualified leaders – to love God, to love one another, to make God's love known by living out the mission and purposes of the Church in their local culture, to sound Biblical teaching, and to regularly carry out the practices of baptism and communion (the Lord's Supper).

(Matthew 22:37-40, 28:18-20, John 14:23, 17:20-26, Acts 2:41-47, 14:27, 18:22, 20:17, Romans 12:14-26, 16:4, 1 Corinthians 11:23-26, 1 Timothy 3:1-15, Titus 1:5-11, 1 Peter 5:1-4)