

## Beliefs

**Holy Scriptures:** We believe the Bible is the inspired word of God: true, immutable, steadfast, and unchangeable. *2 Timothy 3:16-17*

**Eternal Godhead:** We believe God is triune: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The three are co-existent, co-eternal, and equal in divine perfection. *1 John 5:7*

**Fall of Man:** We believe that man—created in the image of God—fell into sin by voluntary disobedience, losing intended meaning and purpose. *Genesis 1:27; Romans 5:12*

**Plan of Redemption:** We believe that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us and took our place. His blood purchased the pardon for all who believe in Him. *John 3:16; Titus 2:14*

**Salvation through Grace:** We believe salvation is received wholly through grace—no human righteousness or merit can contribute to our receiving God’s love and favor. We must wholeheartedly repent and accept Christ, through whom we are justified before God. *Ephesians 2:8; Romans 10:6-10; 1 John 1:9*

**New Birth:** We believe transformation takes place in people at conversion. We receive His Spirit and have new desires, interests, and pursuits in life. *2 Corinthians 5:17; Galatians 2:20*

**Water Baptism & Communion:** We believe being baptized in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is an essential response to Jesus’ command and testifies to His lordship as Christ and King. We believe in observing communion with joy and celebration in fellowship to commemorate the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. *1 Corinthians 11:24-26; Romans 6:4*

**Baptism in the Holy Spirit:** We believe baptism in the Holy Spirit empowers believers to exalt Jesus, to live lives of holiness, and to be witnesses of God’s saving grace. We expect the filling of the Holy Spirit to occur in the same manner as during Pentecost and the early church. *Acts 1:5; 2:4*

**The Spirit Filled Life:** We believe it is the will of God for believers to walk in the Spirit moment by moment, serving the Lord and living lives of patience, love, truth, sincerity, and prayer. *Ephesians 4:30-32; Galatians 5:16, 25*

**The Gifts and Fruit of the Spirit:** We believe the Holy Spirit bestows and empowers ministry gifts upon believers that are active today, and these gifts build up the Body of Christ. As evidence of a Spirit-filled life, believers should show spiritual “fruit”. *1 Corinthians 12:1-11; Galatians 5:22-25*

**Moderation:** We believe moderation should be obvious to others, and relationship with Jesus should never lead people into extreme fanaticism. Christian lives should model that of Christ in uprightness, balance, humility, and self-sacrifice. *Colossians 3:12-13; Philippians 4:5*

**Divine Healing:** We believe divine healing is the power of Jesus Christ responding to the prayer of faith. Jesus, who does not change, is still willing and able to heal the body, as well as the soul and the spirit in answer to faith. *Mark 16:17-18; James 5:14-16*

**The Second Coming of Christ:** We believe the Second Coming of Christ is personal and imminent. The certainty of His coming and the fact that no man knows the hour of His coming prompt our evangelistic efforts. The Lord himself will descend from heaven, the dead in Christ shall rise, and the redeemed will be caught up to meet the Lord in the air. *Matthew 24:36, 42,44; 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17*

**Church Relationship:** We believe in the importance of identifying with a congregation of believers with whom we can worship God, observe the ordinances of Christ, exhort and support one another, labor for salvation of others, and work together to advance the Lord's Kingdom. *Acts 16:5; Hebrews 10:24*

**Civil Government:** We believe civil government is by divine appointment and that civil laws should be upheld at all times, except in things opposed to the will of God. *Acts 4: 18-20; Romans 13:1-5*

**Judgment:** We believe all shall stand before the judgment seat of Christ— the redeemed to be delivered unto everlasting life, and the unrepentant unto everlasting punishment. *Revelation 20:11-12; 2 Corinthians 5:10*

**Heaven:** We believe heaven is the glorious habitation of the living God and the eternal home of born-again believers. *John 14:2; Revelation 7:15-17*

**Hell:** We believe hell is a literal place of darkness, deepest sorrow, and unquenchable fire; which was not prepared for man but for the devil and his angels, yet it will become the place of eternal separation from God for all who reject Christ as Savior. *Matthew 14:41-42; Revelation 10:10*

**Evangelism:** We believe soul-winning is a high priority in the Kingdom of God, and worldwide evangelism is our goal. *James 5:20; Mark 16:15*

**Tithing and Offerings:** We believe tithes and offerings are ordained of God and sustain His ministry, spread the Gospel, and release personal blessing. *Malachi 3:10; 1 Corinthians 16:1-2*