

# Our Beliefs

## 1. God:

There is one God<sup>1</sup>, who is perfect<sup>2</sup> and who exists eternally in three persons – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit<sup>3</sup>. God created the world, the universe, and all that is in them; He created man in His own image<sup>4</sup>.

## 2. Jesus Christ:

Jesus is the Son of God – who came to earth as a baby, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of a virgin, and being both truly God and truly man<sup>5,6</sup>. He was sinless, and gave His life on the cross as the substitutionary sacrifice for the sins of the world<sup>7</sup>. Jesus arose from the dead<sup>8</sup>. He now sits at the right hand of the Father as our great High Priest<sup>9</sup>. At a future time, He will return physically to the earth to establish His kingdom of righteousness and peace<sup>10</sup>.

## 3. Holy Spirit:

The Holy Spirit indwells those who are saved through faith in Christ<sup>11</sup>, helping them to understand and apply biblical scripture in their lives, and convincing the world of sin, righteousness, and judgment<sup>12</sup>.

## 4. Bible:

The Old and New Testaments, consisting of 66 books, are inerrant as originally given and were inspired by God, being a complete revelation of God's will for the salvation of all people. The Bible is the only rule for Christian faith and practice<sup>13</sup>.

## 5. Sin and Judgment:

Human beings fell from their original innocence and fellowship with God through the sin of disobedience<sup>14</sup>. As a result, all people are separated from God and are condemned to both physical and spiritual death. There is only one way of salvation: the Lord Jesus Christ<sup>15</sup>. At a future time known only to God, there will be a bodily resurrection of all human beings who have died<sup>16</sup> and a judgment: Those who were saved in Christ will enjoy eternity in the presence of God in the new heaven and earth; the unsaved will spend eternity separated from God in a state of conscious torment<sup>17</sup>.

## 6. Salvation:

All who repent and believe in Jesus during their life on earth are united with Him through the Holy Spirit and are thereby regenerated (born again), justified, sanctified, and granted the gift of eternal life as adopted children of God<sup>18</sup>. No one is saved by their own works<sup>19</sup>; salvation is a free gift from God<sup>20</sup>.

## 7. Church:

All who are saved in Christ make up the church (the 'body' of Christ), of which Jesus is the Head<sup>21</sup>. The Holy Spirit equips the church with spiritual gifts toward the building up of the body of believers and the completion of Christ's commission<sup>22</sup>.

## 8. Christian Living:

It is the will of God that each believer should be sanctified, that is, separated from sin and fully dedicated to God<sup>23</sup>. The Holy Spirit works in our hearts through the study of Scripture, prayer, worship, and fellowship with other believers, in order to live godly lives and be empowered for Christian witness and service<sup>24</sup>.

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