

What We Believe

God

We believe in one God, revealed as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Deut. 6:4, Joh. 1:1, 1 Cor. 13:14 We believe that our Lord Jesus Christ was begotten, not created, very God of very God, truly God, truly Man. He was born of the virgin Mary, lived a sinless life, died a vicarious and atoning death for the sins of the world, resurrected bodily for our justification, and now reigns in glory until all things be put under His feet. 1 Tim. 3:16

Jesus Christ

We believe that Jesus Christ is the son of God, also the incarnate form of God, and Lord of all. John 1:1-2, Romans 10:9. We believe that Jesus Christ was born of a virgin, live and dwelled among men performing miracles, signs, and wonders. He also taught the disciples and left them the mantle of the Holy Spirit that they may finish the works He began over 2,000 years ago. Matthew 5, Luke 6:17-49. We also believe that Jesus willfully gave His life, died upon the cross and was resurrected in power. We believe that he ascended to heaven and will one day return again for His church. John 10:18, Acts 1:1-10.

The Holy Spirit

We believe that the Holy Spirit indwells all believers, conforming them to the image of Jesus Christ. 1 Cor. 12:13, Rom. 8:16-17 We believe that the baptism in the Holy Spirit is an endowment of power, subsequent to conversion, given by God to anoint the believer for sanctification and evangelism. It is our understanding that the supernatural charisma of the Holy Spirit is active within the body of Christ until the coming of the Lord. Furthermore, we believe that the development of the charismatic gifts ought to be encouraged under the guidance of local church authorities. Acts 8:14 - 17; Acts 19: 1 - 2; 1 Cor. 12: 4 - 7

Scriptures

We believe that the Bible, Old and New Testament, is the inspired and infallible Word of God. The Word of God holds the words to eternal life and the keys of the Kingdom of God, which shows us God's principles, and standards for living and it is spiritual food that sustains us in all circumstances. (2 Timothy 3:16, 2 Peter 1:21, Hebrews 4:12)

Man

We believe that man was made in the image of God and is the crown of creation. He is now, by reason of the fall, spiritually depraved and alienated from his Creator. Apart from God's grace, he has no ability to attain to his high calling. Psa. 8; Eph. 2:8-9 We believe that justification is by grace through faith in our Lord's sacrifice on Calvary. Rom. 3:21-24. We believe that those who are called by the name of Christ should depart from iniquity. Understanding that salvation from the penalty of sin only begins the process of redemption, we acknowledge that one of the works of the Holy Spirit is to create in us the character of Christ. 11 Tim. 2:19

The Church

We believe in the priesthood of the believer. This is to say, all people born of God have equal status before, and direct access to, their Lord. 1 Pet. 2:5.

We believe that the identity of the Body of Christ on the earth is primarily perceived through the local church. While encouraging the voluntary association of local churches and recognizing the need of consensus on matters of fundamental doctrine and conduct, we strongly confess the local church to be sovereign and autonomous. Rev. 2:1 - 3:22.

We believe that the calling of the Apostle, Prophet, Evangelist, Pastor and Teacher are functional within the Body of Christ until the Lord's return. Furthermore, these ministries are gifts to the Church for the purpose of equipping the saints for the work of ministry, that the body of Christ may be edified. Eph. 4:11 - 16.

We believe in the Holy Christian Church, imperfectly represented on earth, by the various Christian institutions. Her unity is spiritual, her culture diverse and transitional and her mission eternal. Heb. 12:18 - 23.

We believe in the right of local churches and ministries to form temporal institutions to assist them in carrying out the work of God. At the same time, we reject sectarianism and divisiveness as great evils. We believe in the spiritual unity of all who are born of God. We confess even those with whom we disagree, those who do not confess us, and others who we exclude because of our willful ignorance. 1 Cor. 12:12 - 14.

Prosperity

We believe in Total Prosperity. (3 John 2)

- A) Spiritual (John 3:3, 2 Corinthians 5:17, Romans 10:9-10)
- B) Mental (2 Timothy 1:7, Romans 12:2, Isaiah 26:3)
- C) Physical (Isaiah 53:4-5, Matthew 8:17, 1 Peter 2:24)
- D) Financial (Malachi 3:8-12, Luke 6:38, 2 Corinthians 9:6-10, Philippians 4:19)

Healing

We believe in Divine Healing that divine provision was made for the physical, mental, and spiritual healing of the believer through the prayer of faith and by the laying on of hands. It is provided for by the redemptive work of Christ and is a privilege to every member in the Church today. (James 5:14-15, Isaiah 53:4-5, Matthew 8:17, 1 Peter 2:24)

The Kingdom

We believe in the power and working of the Kingdom of God now! We believe in the literal second coming of our Lord, the literal rule of Christ upon the earth, the resurrection of the regenerate to eternal life and the unregenerate to eternal damnation and the victory of the eternal Kingdom of God. Acts 1:9 - 11; Dan. 12:2; Rev. 22:1 - 7