

What We Believe

Section 1 - We affirm our confidence in God's inerrant preserved Word. We treasure its truths and we respect its reproofs. We believe it to be supernaturally inspired, therefore the only complete and final revelation of the will of God.

Section 2 - We express our belief that there is one living and true God, eternally existing in three persons, all equal in divine nature and personality; set forth in Scripture as: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

(a) We acknowledge the Creator-God as our heavenly Father, infinitely perfect, and intimately acquainted with all our ways.

(b) We claim Jesus Christ as our Lord - very God who came in human flesh through a virgin's womb - the object of our worship and the subject of our praise.

(c) We recognize the Holy Spirit as the third member of the Godhead, who indwells and seals us unto the day of redemption.

Section 3 - We believe in the reality and personality of Satan, who is the open and declared enemy of God and man and who is destined to the judgment of eternal justice in the lake of fire.

Section 4 - We accept the Genesis account of creation and believe that God created the universe in six literal days.

Section 5 - We confess that Adam's fall into sin left humanity without the hope of heaven apart from a new birth, made possible by the Savior's death, burial and resurrection.

Section 6 - We believe the offer of salvation is God's love-gift to all. Those who accept it by faith, apart from works, become new creatures in Christ, and that they will persevere, kept by His power, never to be lost again.

Section 7 - We anticipate our Lord's promised return to rapture His church, which could occur at any moment. We believe that the tribulation period which follows is the fulfillment of Israel's seventieth week and that it will be climaxed by the pre-millennial return of the Lord Jesus Christ to the earth to set up His kingdom.

Section 8 - We are convinced that all who have died will be bodily resurrected - believers to eternal communion with God in heaven and unbelievers to everlasting separation from God in hell.

Section 9 - We acknowledge that all true believers make up the church universal, but believe that Christ has ordained the local church, His visible body, over which He is head, to proclaim God's truth, to administer the two ordinances of believer's baptism by immersion and the Lord's supper, to equip the saints and to reach the world with the

gospel. We hold that the local church has the absolute right of self-government free from any external authority or control other than the Lord Jesus Christ and His Word.

Section 10 - We believe that every Christian, as a steward of that portion of God's wealth entrusted to him or her, is obligated to support his or her local church financially.

Section 11 - We affirm that God has ordained marriage to be between a man and a woman, and intends for that marriage to last a lifetime and that all intimate sexual activity is to be enjoyed within the bonds of marriage.

Section 12 - We affirm that human life begins at conception and that the unborn child is a living human being.