

1. ABOUT GOD:

There is one God who exists eternally in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. God is the almighty Creator, Savior and Judge who governs all things according to his sovereign will and is accomplishing his purposes in creation and in the Church to his glory.

Genesis 1:1, 26, 27; 3:22; Psalm 90:2; Matthew 28:19; Romans 1:19-20; Ephesians 1:1; 1 Peter 1:2; 2 Corinthians 13:14; 1 John 4:14

2. ABOUT JESUS CHRIST:

Jesus Christ, both fully God and fully man, entered history as Savior of the world. He was conceived of the Holy Spirit, born of a virgin, and lived an exemplary, sinless life in perfect submission to the Father and in loving relationships with others. He died on a cross, rose bodily and ascended to heaven where he is Advocate for his people and is exalted as Lord of all.

Matthew 1:22,23; Isaiah 9:6; John 1:1-5, 14:10-30; Hebrews 1:1-4, 4:14-15; Colossians 1:15-20; 1 Corinthians 15:3,4; Romans 1:3,4; Acts 1:9-11; 1 Timothy 6:14,15; Titus 2:13; Revelation 1:17-20

3. ABOUT THE HOLY SPIRIT:

The Holy Spirit is co-equal with the Father and the Son of God. He is present in the world to make people aware of their need for Jesus Christ. At the moment of salvation, He joins every believer to Christ's body, the Church, and comes to live permanently in them. He provides the Christian with power for living, understanding of spiritual truth, and guidance in doing what is right. He gives every believer at least one spiritual gift for service and every Christian is to seek to live under His control daily.

2 Corinthians 3:17; John 16:7-13, 14:16-17; Acts 1:8; 1 Corinthians 2:12, 3:16, 12:13 Ephesians 1:13; Galatians 5:25; Ephesians 4:4:11-16; 5:18

4. ABOUT THE BIBLE:

The Bible, consisting of the Old and New Testaments, is God's written Word, revealing for all peoples his character and purposes. It is the final authority in all matters relating to belief and behavior. The Holy Spirit moved the human authors of the Bible so that what they wrote is inspired, fully reliable and without error in all it affirms.

2 Timothy 3:16, 1:13; 1 Peter 2:2-3; 2 Peter 1:20, 21; Psalm 12:6, 119:105,160; Mark 13:31; John 8:31-32; Acts 20:32; Hebrews 4:12

5. ABOUT HUMAN BEINGS:

Humanity is the climax of God's earthly creation, bearing his image, designed to be in relationship with him, and being the object of his redeeming love. All people have sinned. This results in guilt, death and alienation from God as well as the defacing of every aspect of human nature. People are unable to save themselves from sin's penalty and power and from Satan's dominion.

Genesis 1:27; 3:1-19; Psalm 8:3-6; Isaiah 53:6a; Romans 3:23; 3:10-11; Ephesians 2:1-3

6. ABOUT SALVATION:

Salvation is given to us by grace through faith. By God's grace we receive salvation through the gift of faith. There is no way anyone can personally make up for sin and restore their relationship with God by self-improvement or good works. Jesus life, death and resurrection has provided the only way for reconciliation to be made. When we turn in repentance from our self-ruled life and turn to Jesus in faith we are forgiven, made new and freed from sin's penalty and power over our lives. Eternal life begins the moment a person receives Jesus Christ into his life by faith.

John 1:12, 3:16; 14:6; Acts 16:31; Romans 5:1, 6:23; Ephesians 2:8,9; Titus 3:5; Galatians 3:26; 2 Corinthians 5:17, 21

7. ABOUT ETERNAL SECURITY:

Because God's gift is eternal life through Jesus Christ, the true believer is secure in that salvation for eternity. Salvation is maintained by the grace and power of God, not by the self-effort of the Christian.

John 10:29; 2 Timothy 1:12; Hebrews 7:25, 10:10-14; 1 Peter 1:3-5, Romans 8:38-39; 1 John 5:11-13

8. ABOUT THE SPIRITUAL LIFE:

Every true believer is made righteous and holy before God because of his relationship to Christ. As one alive in Christ, every true believer will evidence the new life of Christ and the work of the indwelling Holy Spirit. This is witnessed through spiritual growth and seeking to live as disciples in obedience to the commands of the Word of God, resulting in Christlike character and a life of fruitfulness and true holiness.

Luke 6:40; John 15:1-25; Romans 6:1-17; 8:1-17; 2 Corinthians 3:17-18, 5:17, 21, 6:14-7:1; Ephesians 5:22-23; 1 John 3:4-24

9. ABOUT THE CHURCH:

The universal Church is made up of all who have been born of the Spirit. It finds local expression in communities of believers called by God to worship, fellowship, proclaim the Gospel and make disciples among all peoples, reflect God's character, engage in works of compassion, contend for truth and justice and celebrate baptism and communion.

Matthew 16:16-18; Acts 2:41-47; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; 12:12-27; Ephesians 2:14-3:6, 5:23, 32

10. ABOUT THE SPIRIT WORLD:

The holy angels are personal spirit beings who glorify God, serve him, and minister to his people. Satan is a spiritual being who was created by God but fell through sin. He, along with other evil spirits, is the enemy of God and humanity, has been defeated by the work of Christ, is subject to God's authority and faces eternal condemnation.

Hebrews 1:4,14; Job 38:6-7; Genesis 3:22-24; Luke 16:22; Isaiah 14:13-14; Ezekiel 28:13-17; 2 Corinthians 4:4; Matthew 12:24; Ephesians 6:12; 1 Peter 5:8-9; John 12:31-32; Colossians 2:15; Matthew 25:41

11. ABOUT THE FUTURE AND ETERNITY:

The Lord Jesus Christ will visibly return to the earth in glory and accomplish the final triumph over evil. God will make everything new. People were created to exist forever. We will either exist eternally separated from God by sin, or eternally with God through Jesus Christ. To be eternally separated from God is Hell. To be eternally in union with Him is eternal life. Heaven and Hell are real places of eternal existence.

Matthew 24:1-51; John 14:1-4; Romans 6:23, 8:17-18; Matthew 25:41; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; 2 Corinthians 5:10; Revelation 19:11-20:15; 1 Corinthians 2:7-9