

OUR BELIEFS

I. Of the Inspired Word of God

WE BELIEVE that the Bible is the inspired Word of God and that every part of Scripture should be adhered. The Scripture of both the Old and New Testament provide the prescription for the infallible, authoritative rule of Christ in our lives.

II. Of the One True God

WE BELIEVE that there is only one true God, who has revealed Himself as the eternally self-existent “I AM”, the Creator of heaven and earth, and the Redeemer of mankind (*Exo. 3:14; John 8:58*).

“Jesus is God” is the basis of our teachings (*Deut. 4:35, 6:4; II Sam. 7:22; I Chron. 17:20; Psa. 83:18; Isa. 43:10-13, 44:6, 45:5-6; Mark 12:29; I Corin. 8:4; Eph. 4:5; I Tim. 2:5; Acts 9:5; and Rev. 1:3*).

There are *three* that bear record in heaven --the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost. These three are ONE manifested to mankind in the person of Jesus Christ who being in the image of the Invisible God is the Creator of all things. He is Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end (*Isa. 9:6; John 14:8-11, 10:30-38; and Rev. 1:8*).

III. Of Faith

WE BELIEVE that we must live by faith. There is justification by our faith according to *Romans 5:1* and that no man is justified with God as long as he is doing what God says not to do.

Jesus Christ shed His blood to sanctify all who believe in Him. Because Christ died for us, we can live free from sin (*Heb. 13:12, I John 1:7-9, I Thess. 5:23, John 17:17, and Acts 26:18*). Sanctification affects the whole man, even the innermost being according to *Matthew 23:26* and *I Thessalonians 5:23*. We believe that this act is instantaneous and is carried on into holiness (*Leviticus 11:44*).

IV. Of Water Baptism

WE BELIEVE in immersing in the water according to *Acts 2:38, 8:12 and 10:47*, baptizing in the Name of Jesus, the one who commissioned and gave authority to baptize. The commission given by Jesus in *Matthew 28:19* was carried out by the Apostles (*Acts 2:38, 10:48, and 19:5*).

V. Of the Holy Ghost

WE BELIEVE in the baptism of the Holy Ghost as it was on the day of Pentecost. Being saved or being baptized with water is not good enough. According to *John 3:5-7*, we must be born again; that is, we must be baptized with the Holy Ghost. We believe that those who receive the Holy Ghost will speak with other tongues (*Acts 2:1-4, 19:5, 10:43-46; and Luke 11:13*).

VI. Of Sanctification and Holiness

WE BELIEVE in sanctification and holiness. Sanctification is a work of Grace. It begins in regeneration by the application of the blood of Jesus. Read *I John 1:7; Heb. 13:12, 9:14; I Pet. 1:8-20; Rev. 7:14*;

John 1:12-13; and II Corin. 5:17. The word “sanctification” means being set aside from sin (*John 17:17, I Corin. 1:30, Eph. 5:25-26, II Tim. 2:21, and I Pet. 1:2*). The children of God are to be holy because God is holy (*Leviticus 11:44, 20:7*).

Godly living should characterize the life and work of all saints according to the pattern and example of Jesus and His Apostles. We should allow the spirit to cleanse us from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God. We will then live a life of purity and abstain from all appearances of evil. Read *I Thess. 5:22; II Corin. 7:1; II Pet. 1:3-4; Rom. 8:5-9; Gal. 5:16-21; Phil. 3:12-16; and Lev. 10:10, 11:44*.

VII. Of Women Preachers

WE BELIEVE that a woman has a right to preach or teach. God said He would pour out His Spirit upon all flesh, and sons and daughters shall prophesy. To prophesy means to utter predictions, to make declarations of events to come, and to instruct in religious doctrine. Read *Acts 2:17, 21:9; Joel 2:28; Rom. 16:1-2; and Phil. 4:3*. When God made man, He also made woman to help man (*Gen. 2:19-23*).

VIII. Of Communion and Feet Washing

WE BELIEVE in having Communion and Feet Washing. The Lord’s Supper is a sacrament of our redemption by Christ’s death and that none should take it unworthily (*I Corin. 11:20-30*). The bread that we break is a partaking of the body of Christ (*I Corin. 11:24*); likewise, the wine is a partaking of His blood (*I Corin. 11:25*). The Lord’s Supper is a reminder of the love that God has for us. We should have that same love one for another.

In *Genesis 18:4*, Abraham washed the feet of angels. In *John 13:1-17*, Jesus Christ became as a servant and washed His disciples’ feet following the Lord’s Supper. The practice was continued in the New Testament church (*I Timothy 5:10*). Similarly, we believe in doing likewise.

IX. Of the Second Coming of Christ

WE BELIEVE in the second coming of Jesus Christ to this earth in a glorified body because we believe Him to be glorified and to be coming in the power of the Spirit to rule and judge the earth.

Christ’s return will bring forth the dead in Christ. The saints of God shall rise first. And when He shall have come, the saints which are alive shall be changed from mortality to immortality. We shall reign with Him on this earth a thousand years. After the thousand years, we believe that there will be a White Throne Judgment in which the rest of the dead who knew not God shall rise from the dead and shall think to possess the earth again in wickedness. The fire will be rained down out of Heaven before them, and they shall be destroyed. This is the Last Death and Last Judgment (*John 14:1-3, Heb. 9:28, Acts 1:11, Rev. 1:7, Matt. 16:27, Col. 3:4, and II Tim. 4:8*).

X. Of Divine Healing

WE BELIEVE in divine healing. It is the Christian’s right and privilege to trust God for the healing of the body when one is sick or afflicted (*Jas. 5:14; Mark 11:22, 9:23; Heb. 11:6; and Acts 3:6, 16*).

We do not condemn those who are weak in the faith for using medicine, but we exhort and nourish and cherish them until they become strong. For the Bible says, “He that is weak in faith receive ye, but not with doubtful disputations” (*Rom. 14:1*).

The Scripture says that there will be some who use herbs, but we who do not use herbs must not judge those who do (*Rom. 14:2-4*).

XI. Of Equal Morals and Duties

WE BELIEVE in the equality of all mankind and that every man’s duty toward God is the same. The gospel is for everyone, regardless of their race, ethnicity, age or socioeconomic status. God does not have a respect of persons, so neither should we. “Have we not all one Father? Hath not God created us? Why do we deal treacherously every man against his brother by profaning the covenant of our Father?” (*Mal. 2:10*). “There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male or female; for ye are all one in Christ Jesus” (*Gal. 3:28*).

XII. Of Laws of the Land

WE BELIEVE in obeying the laws of the land as long as they are not contrary to the Word of God (*Titus 3:1*). According to *I Timothy 1:8-10*, laws are good and serve an important function. However, we do not believe in war or going to war, for God is not the author of confusion, but of peace (*I Cor.14:33*).