

TENETS OF FAITH

WE BELIEVE:

a. There is only one, true God who is the eternal King, Creator and Redeemer of all that is. He is perfectly holy, just, loving and truthful. He has revealed Himself to be eternally self-existent and is one being in three persons: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

b. The Bible to be the inspired, only infallible and authoritative Word of God.

c. Humankind was created in the image of God to know and enjoy Him, yet we willfully rejected the Lordship and glory of God for which we were intended. Because of this, sickness, death and judgment entered the world and creation now experiences the effects and consequences of sin.

d. The Lord Jesus Christ is the one and only Son of God, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, is God's Anointed One and is empowered by the Holy Spirit to inaugurate God's Kingdom on earth. He was crucified for our sins, died, was buried and resurrected, then ascended into heaven, and is now alive today in the presence of God the Father and in His people. He is "true God" and "true man."

e. We are saved by God's grace, through faith in the person and work of Jesus Christ. Anyone can be restored to fellowship with God through repentance, believing and receiving Jesus Christ as their Savior and Lord. The Holy Spirit convicts, regenerates, justifies, and adopts us as we enter the Kingdom of God as His sons and daughters.

f. In the sanctifying power of the Holy Spirit, by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live holy and minister super-naturally. The baptism of the Holy Spirit, according to Acts 1:4-8 and 2:4, is poured out on all believers, giving them power to be witnesses of Christ.

g. The victorious, redemptive work of Jesus Christ on the cross provides freedom from the power of the enemy in sin, lies, sickness and torment.

h. The Church consists of all who put their faith in Jesus Christ. He gave His Church the ordinances of baptism and communion. The Church exists to carry on the ministry of Jesus Christ and further advance His Kingdom by undoing the works of the enemy, preaching and living the good news of God's love, discipling the nations, baptizing and teaching them to love and obey God.

i. In the ever-increasing government of God and in the Blessed Hope, which is the glorious, visible return of our Lord Jesus Christ for His overcoming bride, His Church. Heaven and hell are real places. There will be a resurrection of the saved and the lost; the one to everlasting life and the other to everlasting death.

j. In the sanctity of marriage as defined in the Scriptures. God created woman as the Kingdom compliment to man to be joined in a covenant marriage (Genesis 2). Therefore, Biblical marriage is limited to a union between one man and one woman in a life-long covenant, and to that end, same-sex unions are considered sin (1 Corinthians 6 & 7, Romans 1, Genesis 2).