

CORE BELIEFS OF THE POINT



THE BIBLE

THE BIBLE IS GOD'S WORD TO ALL PEOPLE. IT WAS WRITTEN BY HUMAN AUTHORS UNDER THE SUPERNATURAL GUIDANCE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT. BECAUSE IT WAS INSPIRED BY GOD, THE BIBLE IS TRUTH WITHOUT ANY MIXTURE OF ERROR AND IS COMPLETELY RELEVANT TO OUR DAILY LIVES.

(Deuteronomy 4:1-2; Psalms 119:11, 89, 105; Proverbs 30:5; Isaiah 40:8; Matthew 22:29; John 5:39; 16:13-15; 17:17; Romans 15:4, 16:25-26; 2 Timothy 3:15-17; Hebrews 1:1-2; 4:12; 1 Peter 1:25; 2 Peter 3:16)

THE TRINITY

GOD HAS EXISTED IN RELATIONSHIP WITH HIMSELF FOR ALL ETERNITY. HE EXISTS AS ONE SUBSTANCE IN THREE PERSONS: THE FATHER, THE SON AND THE HOLY SPIRIT. ALTHOUGH EACH MEMBER OF THE TRINITY SERVES DIFFERENT FUNCTIONS, THEY EACH POSSESS EQUAL POWER AND AUTHORITY.

(1 John 5:7; Genesis 1:26; Matthew 28:19, 3:16-17; Luke 1:35; Isaiah 9:6; Hebrews 3:7-11)

THE FATHER

GOD IS GREAT: HE IS ALL POWERFUL, ALL KNOWING, EVER PRESENT, UNCHANGING, COMPLETELY WORTHY OF OUR TRUST, AND ABOVE ALL, HOLY. IT IS IN HIM THAT WE LIVE, MOVE AND EXIST. GOD IS GOOD: HE IS OUR FATHER. HE IS LOVING, COMPASSIONATE, AND FAITHFUL TO HIS PEOPLE AND HIS PROMISES.

(Exodus 3:14; Numbers 23:19; Leviticus 11:44-45; 19:2; Psalm 114:6; Malachi 3:6; John 3:16; 4:24; 5:26; 14:1; Acts 17:28; Romans 3:3-4)

SON

JESUS CHRIST IS COMPLETELY HUMAN BUT, AT THE SAME TIME, COMPLETELY GOD. THE HOLY SPIRIT IN THE VIRGIN, MARY, CREATED HIM. HE IS THE ONLY PLAN FOR BRINGING PEOPLE WHO ARE FAR FROM GOD BACK INTO A RIGHT RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD. HE LIVED A PERFECT LIFE, SO THAT HE COULD BE A SUBSTITUTION FOR US IN SATISFYING GOD'S DEMANDS FOR PERFECTION. HE DEFEATED DEATH IN HIS RESURRECTION SO THAT WE COULD HAVE LIFE.

(Isaiah 7:14; 53; Matthew 1:18-23; 3:17; 8:29; 14:33; 16:16; 28:5-6; Luke 1:27-35; 22:70; 24:46-47; John 1:1, 14; 10:30; 11:25-27; 17:1-5; Acts 1:9; 2:22-24; 7:55-56; Romans 1:3-4; 3:23-26; 8:1-3; 10:4; 1 Corinthians 8:6; 2 Corinthians 5:19-21; Gal 4:4-5; Philippians 2:5-11; Colossians 1:15; 2:9; 1 Timothy 2:5-6; 3:16)

HOLY SPIRIT

HIS PRESENCE ASSURES US OF OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH CHRIST. HE GUIDES BELIEVERS INTO ALL TRUTH AND EXALTS CHRIST. HE CONVICTS PEOPLE OF THEIR SIN, GOD'S RIGHTEOUSNESS, AND THE COMING JUDGMENT. HE COMFORTS US, GIVES US SPIRITUAL GIFTS, AND MAKES US MORE LIKE CHRIST. EVIDENCE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IS SEEN IN THE FRUITS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, SPEAKING IN UNKNOWN TONGUES, GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, ETC. HE BRINGS ALL THINGS BACK TO OUR REMEMBRANCE ACCORDING TO WHAT GOD HAS COMMANDED US THROUGH THE WORD OF GOD.

(Genesis 1:2; Psalms 51:11; 139:7 ff.; Isaiah 61:1-3; Joel 2:28-32; Mark 1:10; Luke 1:35; 4:1; 11:13; 12:12; John 15:26; 16:7-14; Acts 1:5, 8; 2:1-4; 13:2; Romans 8:9-11, 14-16, 26-27; Galatians 5:22-23; 1 Corinthians 3:16, 12:1-11; Ephesians 1:13-14; 2 Peter 1:21; Revelation 22:17)

CHURCH

THE CHURCH IS A LOCAL COMMUNITY OF BAPTIZED BELIEVERS UNIFIED THROUGH FAITH IN CHRIST. IT IS COMMITTED TO THE TEACHINGS OF CHRIST AND OBEYING ALL OF HIS COMMANDS, AND IT SEEKS TO BRING THE GOSPEL TO THE WORLD. THE CHURCH WORKS TOGETHER IN LOVE AND UNITY, INTENT ON THE ULTIMATE PURPOSE OF GLORIFYING CHRIST.

(Matthew 16:18-19; 18:15-20; Acts 2:41-47; 5:11-14; 13:1-3; 14:23; 16:5; 20:28; 1 Corinthians 7:17; 9:13-14; 12; Ephesians 1:22-23; 2:19-22; 3:10-12; 5:22-32; Colossians 1:18; 3:15; 1 Timothy 4:14; 1 Peter 5:1-4; Revelation 21:2-3)

MAN

MAN IS MADE IN THE IMAGE OF GOD AND IS THE SUPREME ENTITY OF HIS CREATION. MAN WAS CREATED TO HAVE FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD BUT BECAME SEPARATED IN THAT RELATIONSHIP THROUGH SINFUL DISOBEDIENCE. AS A RESULT, MAN CANNOT ATTAIN A RIGHT RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD THROUGH HIS OWN EFFORT. EVERY HUMAN PERSONALITY IS UNIQUELY CREATED, POSSESSES DIGNITY, AND IS WORTHY OF RESPECT AND CHRISTIAN LOVE.

(Genesis 1:26-30; 2:7, 18-22; 3; Psalms 8:3-6; 32:1-5; 51:5; Isaiah 6:5; Jeremiah 17:5; Acts 17:26-31; Romans 1:19-32; 3:10-18, 23; 5:6; 6:6; 7:14-25; 1 Corinthians 1:21-31; 15:19, 21-22; Ephesians 2; Colossians 1:21-22; 3:9-11)

REPENTANCE

MAN WAS CREATED GOOD AND UPRIGHT, BUT BY VOLUNTARY TRANSGRESSION HE FELL INTO SIN. HIS ONLY HOPE OF REDEMPTION IS IN JESUS CHRIST. REPENTANCE IS A COMMITMENT TO TURN AWAY FROM SIN IN EVERY AREA OF OUR LIVES AND TO FOLLOW CHRIST. THROUGH REPENTANCE WE INDIVIDUALLY RECEIVE FORGIVENESS OF SINS AND RECEIVE SALVATION.

(Genesis 1:26-31, 3:17; Acts 2:38, 3:19; Romans 5:12-21)

SALVATION

THE BLOOD OF JESUS CHRIST, SHED ON THE CROSS, PROVIDES THE ONLY WAY OF SALVATION THROUGH THE FORGIVENESS OF SIN. SALVATION OCCURS WHEN PEOPLE confess with their mouths the Lord Jesus and believe in their hearts that God has raised Him from the dead. For “ whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved.” SALVATION IS A GIFT GIVEN THROUGH THE GRACE OF GOD, AND IT CANNOT BE EARNED THROUGH OUR OWN EFFORTS

(Isaiah 1:18; 53:5-6; 55:7; Matthew 1:21; 27:22-66, 28:1-6; Luke 1:68-69; 2:28-32; John 1:12; 3:16, 36; 5:24; Acts 2:21; 4:12; 16:30-31; Romans 1:16-18; 3:23-25; 5:8-10; 6; 1, 10:9-10; Corinthians 1:18; 2 Corinthians 5:17-20; Galatians 2:16, 20; 3:8, 13; Ephesians 2:8-10; Philippians 2:12-13; Hebrews 9:22-28; Revelation 3:20)

PRAAYER

PRAAYER IS OUR ABILITY TO COMMUNICATE WITH GOD. THROUGH JESUS’ SALVATION, WE NO LONGER NEED AN INTERCESSOR TO GO BETWEEN GOD AND US; WE CAN ADDRESS HIM DIRECTLY. WE BELIEVE THAT NO MONUMENTAL THING CAN BE DONE WITHOUT PRAAYER PRECEDING IT AND CONTINUING THROUGH IT.

(Psalms 145:18; Proverbs 15:29; Matthew 7:11; Luke 18:1; Romans 8:26; Philippians 4:6; Colossians 4:2; 1 Thessalonians 5:17; 1 Timothy 2:8)

BAPTISM

BAPTISM IS A SYMBOLIC ACT TO PUBLICLY PROFESS ONE'S SALVATION. GOD COMMANDS IT, BUT OUR SALVATION IS NOT RELIANT UPON IT. WE PRACTICE FULL-IMMERSION BAPTISM, SYMBOLIZING THE PROCESS OF DEATH AND RESURRECTION THAT JESUS WENT THROUGH FOR US.

(Matthew 28:19; Acts 2:38)

COMMUNION

COMMUNION (THE LORD'S SUPPER) IS A UNIQUE TIME WHEN THE ELEMENTS OF BREAD AND JUICE EXPRESS, IN A SPIRITUAL WAY, THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST. COMMUNION IS TAKEN BY BELIEVERS IN REMEMBRANCE OF CHRIST'S SACRIFICE ON THE CROSS.

(Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 16:16; Acts 8:12, 8:36-38, 10:47-48; 1 Corinthians 10:16, 11:23-25)

FIVE-FOLD MINISTRY

THE FIVE-FOLD MINISTRY POSITIONS OF APOSTLES, PROPHETS, EVANGELISTS, PASTORS, AND TEACHERS ARE GIFTS GIVEN TO EACH LOCAL CHURCH AND THE UNIVERSAL CHURCH. THESE GIFTS ARE FOR THE EQUIPPING OF BELIEVERS TO SPREAD THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST. WE BELIEVE BOTH MEN AND WOMEN ARE SOVEREIGNLY CHOSEN BY GOD FOR THESE MINISTRY POSITIONS.

(Ephesians 4:8-13; 1 Corinthians 12:4-30, 14:29-31; Galatians 3:26-29; Philippians 4:3; Romans 16:1-7)

HEALTH & PROSPERITY

WE BELIEVE THAT, AS PART OF CHRIST'S WORK OF SALVATION, IT IS THE FATHER'S WILL FOR BELIEVERS TO BECOME WHOLE, HEALTHY, AND SUCCESSFUL IN ALL AREAS OF LIFE:

1. **SPIRITUAL** (John 3:3, 11; Romans 10:9-10, 2 Corinthians 5:17-21)
2. **MENTAL & EMOTIONAL** (Isaiah 26:3; 2 Timothy 1:7; Romans 12:2)
3. **PHYSICAL** (Isaiah 53:4,5; Matthew 8:17; 1 Peter 2:24)
4. **FINANCIAL** (Deuteronomy 28:1-14; Joshua 1:8; Psalm 34:10, 84:11; Malachi 3:10)

SECOND COMING

JESUS CHRIST WILL PHYSICALLY AND VISIBLY RETURN TO EARTH FOR THE SECOND TIME TO ESTABLISH HIS AUTHORITY ON EARTH. THIS WILL OCCUR AT A TIME UNDISCLOSED BY SCRIPTURE. SO, WE LIVE EVERYDAY IN EXPECTATION OF CHRIST'S RETURN.

(Matthew 24:30, 26:63-64; Acts 1:9-11; 1 Thessalonians 4:15-17; 2 Thessalonians 1:7-8; Revelation 1:7)

ETERNITY

MAN WAS CREATED TO EXIST FOREVER. HE WILL EXIST EITHER ETERNALLY SEPARATED FROM GOD BY SIN OR IN UNION WITH GOD THROUGH FORGIVENESS AND SALVATION. TO BE ETERNALLY SEPARATED FROM GOD IS HELL TO BE ETERNALLY IN UNION WITH HIM IS HEAVEN. HEAVEN AND HELL ARE PLACES OF ETERNAL EXISTENCE.

(Matthew 5:3, 12, 20, 6:20, 19:21, 25:34, 41; Mark 9:43-48; John 3:16, 36; Romans 6:23; Hebrews 9:27, 11:16; 1 John 2:25; 5:11-13; Revelation 14:9-11, 20:12-15, 21:8)