

## **The Scriptures**

We believe the Holy Scriptures, that together comprise the 66 books of the Bible, are the ultimate divine revelation—from God to man—and carry His full authority. The words contained in the Holy Scriptures were inspired by the Holy Spirit and God’s message has been preserved; it has never been and never will be lost. The Bible is fully sufficient for Christian faith and practice. Therefore, Christians are duty-bound to affirm and submit to what Biblical Scripture itself teaches.

*2 Timothy 3:15-17; Matthew 24:35; Proverbs 30:5*

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## **The Godhead**

We believe in the One and Only true God, YHWH. Nothing that is created should be worshiped or prayed to, but only God who is uncreated. He has no beginning and no end, eternally existing as one being in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Each of the persons of the Godhead are immutable, coequal, coeternal, and share in the fullness of deity.

*Exodus 20:1-4; John 1:1-5; John 10:30; Matthew 28:18-20*

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## **Jesus Christ**

We believe Jesus is the Messiah. He was born of a virgin and His coming was prophesied in the Old Testament. We believe in His full deity, His true humanity, His sinless life, His substitutionary death, His bodily resurrection, His ascension into Heaven, His ministry as High Priest, and His future personal return to Earth.

*John 1:1-5; Isaiah 53; Matthew 1:16; John 4:26; Hebrews 4:14; 1 Corinthians 15:3-5*

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## **The Holy Spirit**

We believe in His full deity. We believe in His personhood distinct from the persons of the Father and the Son. He indwells believers, sealing them for the day of redemption, and is the source of spiritual gifts. The Holy Spirit convicts the world of sin, righteousness, and judgement.

*1 Corinthians 2:10; John 15:26 & 16:8; Romans 8:26-27*

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## **Man**

We believe that God created all things as described in Genesis. We believe that all human beings are created in God’s image and therefore have special value and dignity among creation. We believe that the first man- Adam- sinned, bringing spiritual death to all mankind, who therefore stand condemned, making the new birth absolutely necessary.

*Genesis 1-3; Romans 3:23 & 5:12*

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**Marriage**

We believe God created the institution of marriage to be between one man and one woman in a committed, life-long relationship and that all sexual activity should be enjoyed within that context alone.

*Genesis 2:24; Ephesians 5:31-32; Romans 1:26-27*

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**Sexuality**

We believe that the term “man” exclusively describes a biologically male adult human and that the term “woman” exclusively describes a biologically female adult human. We believe human sex is binary (either male or female) as God designed. An individual’s status as male or female is unchangeable after fertilization regardless of outward presentation, hormones, or surgery.

*Genesis 1:27*

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**Salvation**

We believe that we have incurred the wrath of God by our sin and deserve eternal punishment in the place called Hell, shut out from God’s presence. We are saved from the deserved wrath of God by grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone, as revealed in the Scriptures alone, for the ultimate glory of God alone. We believe that true and saving faith produces good works, but these works do not contribute to our salvation – rather they are the fruit of it.

*Romans 3:23-28; Ephesians 2:8-9; James 2:17; Matthew 25:46*

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**The Church**

We believe in the Church that is the body and bride of Christ, comprised of all true believers in Him, of which Jesus Christ is the head. We believe it is vital for all Christians to belong to and attend a local church assembly regularly for the purposes of worship, fellowship, edification, and submission to spiritual authority. Local churches are responsible to submit to the Bible as their ultimate authority and participate in the fulfillment of the Great Commission. As a parachurch ministry, we believe God has called us to assist the local church, never to replace her.

*Hebrews 10:25; 1 Peter 5:1-5; Ephesians 5:25-27*

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**Abortion**

We believe abortion to be an abomination that is completely prohibited by God in the sixth commandment. We believe that every human life begins at fertilization and every human being has value as an image-bearer of God. Therefore, we adamantly oppose abortion, as well as abortifacient birth control methods (those which increase the risk of death to a human in utero, often by interfering with implantation), and in vitro fertilization (due to the excess eggs fertilized which create human life to be frozen or destroyed, and the high likelihood of death during embryo transfer for the human(s) created). These practices bring death upon the innocent and desecrate image-bearers of God; they are immoral and should be abolished.

*Exodus 20:13*

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**Abortion Victim Photography**

We believe that we are duty-bound to expose the evil of abortion. Therefore, we are committed to the public display of pictures and video that accurately depict the violence of abortion. (This paragraph reflects our mission statement but is not included in our doctrinal statement).

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