

OUR DOCTRINAL BELIEFS

We adhere to the Christian faith as expressed through the early church fathers in the Apostles' Creed:

We believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ His only son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; He descended into Hades; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of God, the Father Almighty; from there He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

BIBLE

We believe in the Bible as God's only inspired, inerrant and authoritative revelation of Himself to man in written form (*2 Timothy 3:16-17*).

TRINITY

We believe in one God, eternally existing in three Persons: God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit (*1 John 5:7*).

JESUS CHRIST

We believe in the deity of the Lord Jesus Christ (*John 1:1*), His virgin birth (*Matthew 1:18*), His sinless life (*2 Corinthians 5:21*), His miracles (*Acts 10:38*), His vicarious death as the only sacrifice for the sin of the world (*1 John 2:2*), His bodily resurrection from the dead (*Luke 24:39*), His ascension to the right hand of God as our intercessor (*Hebrews 4:14*), and His future return in glory after He has prepared a bride for Himself (*Ephesians 5:26-27*) and defeated the forces of darkness through His church (*1 Corinthians 15:23-28*).

THE NEW BIRTH

We believe in the new birth (born-again) as the only means of receiving eternal life. The new birth involves a cleansing and deliverance from the penalty and power of sin. It is effectuated through repentance from sin and faith in Jesus Christ (*John 3:3-7*, *Ephesians 2:8-9*, *1 Peter 1:18-20*).

HEALING

We believe in divine healing for the total person, spirit, soul, and body. Healing is accomplished in the redemptive work of Christ on the cross and appropriated in the believer's life through faith and prayer (*Isaiah 53:5*, *1 Peter 2:24*, *James 5:13-15*, *Hebrews 11:1,6*).

HOLY SPIRIT

We believe in the baptism of the Holy Spirit as a separate experience from the new birth and an endowment of power for all believers (*Acts 2:4, 38-29, 10:44-45, 19:1-6, Ephesians 5:18*). This baptism produces a deeper expression of spiritual fruit (*Galatians 5:22-23*), a greater growth in Christ likeness (*2 Corinthians 3:18*), a genuine manifestation of spiritual gifts (*1 Corinthians 12:1-11*), and a more effective prayer life (*Romans 8:26-27*).

SPIRITUAL GROWTH

We believe in the process of spiritual development (sanctification) accomplished in the believer's life by the Holy Spirit through yieldedness and obedience. This spiritual growth involves a daily dying to sin and living unto righteousness (*Romans 6:1-23*), finds expression in a holy life (*Ephesians 4:24*) and will be ultimately perfected at the return of Christ (*1 John 3:2*). (*Galatians 2:19-21- Romans 6*)

RESURRECTION OF THE DEAD

We believe in the resurrection from the dead; the righteous unto eternal life and the ungodly unto eternal separation and damnation at the second coming of Christ. (*Daniel 12:2, John 5:28-29, Revelation 20:4-6, 11-15*). The return of Christ – The 2nd coming of Christ will be after He has made all His enemies a footstool for His feet (*1 Corinthians 15:20-28*) We believe that *Matthew 24* AND most of the book of Revelation were historically fulfilled in the first century in the destruction of Jerusalem 68-72 A.D. We believe that we live in the millennial reign of Christ now (*Ephesians 1:19-23, 3:10, 4:10-16, Colossians 1:18, Matthew 28:18-20, and Revelation 20:1-6*) and that His purpose through His church is to bring all His enemies under His feet as His kingdom increases throughout the earth and all the nations come to serve Him alone. (*Isaiah 9:6-7, Psalm 22:27-28, Psalm 24:1-10, Matthew 28:18-20, Mark 16:15-20*)

ORDINANCES

We believe in the ordinances of the Church established by Jesus Christ our Lord. We believe in the Lord's communion (*Matthew 26:26-30, 1 Corinthians 11:23-26*). We believe in baptism in water by immersion as a symbol and witness of the new birth and a spiritual removal of the sinful nature (*Matthew 28:19, 1 Peter 3:20-22, Colossians 2:11-12, Romans 6:1-6, 1 Corinthians 10:1-4*).