

I believe:

The Bible

The Bible is God's Word, given to man as the Holy Spirit moved upon men to write it. The Bible is complete and is the only infallible authority in all matters of faith and practice. The King James Version is the preserved Word for the English-speaking people. (II Peter 1:21; II Timothy 3:16-17; Psalm 12:6-7)

Triune God

There is one true God, eternally existing in three persons—God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit—which are eternal in being, equal in essence, and execute distinct but harmonious offices. God is the infinite and perfect spirit in whom all things have their source, support, and end. (I John 5:7; Matthew 28:19; Genesis 1:1; Acts 5:3-4)

God the Father

He is the originator of all Scripture and creation. The Father directed the work of Jesus in His incarnation and redemption (John 3:16; Hebrews 1:1-2; Genesis 1:1)

God the Son

Jesus Christ was conceived of the holy spirit and born of a virgin. He lived a sinless life; was obedient to death, died on the cross—providing justification and atonement from sin; rose bodily on the third day; ascended into heaven, where he is now our high priest, intercessor, and advocate. (Isaiah 7:14; Matthew 1:18-25; 2

Corinthians 5:21; Philippians 2:8; Romans 5:8-11; 1 Corinthians 15:3-4; Acts 1:9-11; Hebrews 6:20; Romans 8:34; 1 John 2:1)

The Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit in this present age was sent by Jesus Christ to reprove the world of sin, to regenerate all who receive Christ as their personal Savior, to seal, to indwell, to guide, and to teach the things of God. The fruit of the spirit is evidence of his indwelling in the believer. (John 16:8; Titus 3:5; Ephesians 4:30; 1 Corinthians 3:16; John 16:13; John 14:26; Galatians 5:22-23)

Man

Man was created on the literal sixth day in the image and after the likeness of God. Adam disobeyed God and through his offence, sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned. Death by sin is both physical and spiritual. Unable to save himself, man is condemned to eternal punishment and separation from God unless he repents and believes in Christ Jesus. (Genesis 1:26; Genesis 3; Romans 5:12; Ephesians 2:1,5; Revelation 20:14-15; Acts 2:36-38, John 3:16-18).

Salvation

Salvation from death and hell is extended to all who would call upon the name of the Lord, repent of their sins, confess and believe in the Lord Jesus and His finished work. Salvation cannot be earned by works; it is by grace through faith. I believe God loves everyone and is not willing that any should perish, but instead

wants all men to be saved and know the gospel truth—that “God commendeth his love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us,” to reconcile us to God, and to provide atonement and justification for our sins; that He rose again, conquering death and bringing life to all who believe. (Romans 10:9-13; Ephesians 2:8-9; 2 Peter 3:9; 1 Timothy 2:3-4; Romans 5:8-11; Romans 6:8-10, 2 Timothy 1:10).

The Church

The New Testament Church is a local, visible, organized, autonomous assembly of immersed believers having New Testament officers, practicing New Testament ordinances, and actively engaged in carrying out the Great Commission, as well as defending and upholding the truth. God has chosen to work through the local church in this dispensation; the church is not to be equated or confused with God’s Old Testament people, the nation of Israel. Each local church is autonomous, with Christ as its head, the Pastor and deacons as its officers, and a congregational government to confirm the will and leading of God. Although the local church is to practice autonomy and separation, it may voluntarily cooperate with other obedient New Testament assemblies. (Matthew 16:18; 28:19-20; Ephesians 1:22-23; 4:12-14; Colossians 1:1; I Timothy 3:15-16; Jude 1:3)