

## **God**

We believe in one Triune God, being one God in three Persons: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. Matthew 3:16-17, 28:19, John 1:1-2, 10:30, 1 Corinthians 8:6, 12:4-6, 2 Corinthians 3:17, 13:14, Colossians 2:9, Isaiah 9:6, 44:6

## **Bible**

We believe the Bible is God's Holy Word. It is infallible, complete, and comprises 66 books only which make up the Old and New Testament. Jesus is the Word incarnate. John 1:1, 2 Timothy 3:16, Revelation 22:18

## **Interpretation of Scripture**

The Bible says what it means and means what it says. We believe in a literal interpretation, unless the context clearly calls for otherwise. When interpreting the Scriptures the whole counsel of God is always to be used to determine what all of Scripture has to say pertaining to a particular subject. Acts 20:27

## **Salvation**

We believe that salvation is by grace alone through faith alone in the Lord Jesus Christ alone. One must repent from their sins, believe that Jesus died, was buried, and rose again, and confess that He is Lord. Ephesians 2:8, Romans 10:9-13 One cannot attain salvation by works, however true salvation is evidenced by genuine works that are born by faith out of love and obedience for God. James 2:14-26

We believe it is God's desire for all mankind to be saved and come to a knowledge of the truth (1 Timothy 2:4) and that the finished work of Jesus Christ is a sufficient ransom paid for all mankind. (1 John 2:2)

We also affirm that because Jesus is God incarnate (John 1:1-2, 14) then Jesus is the only way to God. John 14:6, Acts 4:11-12, 1 Timothy 2:5

## **Heaven and Hell**

We believe in a literal heaven and hell. The Bible speaks clearly of mankind's choice to either choose or reject God, and it also outlines the consequences of man's choice. For those who accept God's offer of forgiveness they have been pardoned and will be allowed to dwell in God's presence forever, however for those who reject God it declares that they will be cast into hell, with their eternal abode being in the lake of fire. Hell was not God's intention for man, but was created for the fallen angels, however anyone who refuses Jesus's sacrificial death on the cross as an atonement for their sins stand condemned and will have to pay the penalty for their own sins, namely separation from God and eternal torment in fire. Matthew 25:41-46, Mark 9:43-48, 2 Thessalonians 1:6-10, Revelation 21:8

## **Creation**

We believe in a literal 6-day (24 hour) creation event. Genesis 1:1-31, Exodus 20:11 All things that have been made were made by God. John 1:3 Creation is accounted by God as proof and evidence of a Creator. Romans 1:20

## **Church Ministry & Spiritual Gifts**

We believe in the 5-fold ministry to the church, namely apostle, prophet, pastor, teacher, and evangelist, as well as the spiritual gifts described in Romans 12 and 1 Corinthians 12, and that they still exist within the church today. God has established these in His church for the equipping and edifying of His saints to attain to the full maturity of the faith of His Son. Ephesians 4:11-16, 1 Peter 4:10-11

## **Marriage**

Marriage is between one man and one woman as instituted by God in Genesis 2:24. Marriage in its true form is to the exclusion of all other makeups or definitions of marriage, which includes anything beyond one man and one woman being united together in the bond of marriage. Matthew 19:4-6, Ephesians 5:21-33

## **Gender**

God created human beings as male and female, (Genesis 1:27) therefore we only recognise birth genders, male and female. It is God's design that a person's gender is determined genetically at conception.

## **Abortion/Euthanasia**

We believe that all life is God-given and precious in His sight, therefore anything which takes away innocent human life is deemed by God as murder and is an abomination to Him. Life begins at conception, therefore personhood is to be bestowed upon all people regardless of race, sex, or age, including that of the unborn child. Job 31:15, Psalm 127:3-5, Psalms 139:13-16, Jeremiah 1:5

Also, as God declares that He is the Giver and Sustainer of life, so also He is the only One Who has the right to determine when one's life should end. Euthanasia, whether voluntary or involuntary, and abortion are the deliberate taking of life and therefore goes against God's sovereignty and desire for life. Genesis 9:6, Ecclesiastes 7:17, 8:8, 12:10

## Israel

We believe that the Church has neither superseded nor replaced Israel in relation to the covenant promises given to it through the patriarchs Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. (Genesis 12, 15, 17) Even though there has been an abolishing of Jew & Gentile alike in the establishment of God's body, the church (ie. mystery of the church Ephesians 3), there is still a definite distinction that exists between the church and the nation of Israel, with Romans 11 outlining God's future intentions for Israel as his chosen people. We believe that God has given the land of Israel, with its borders referenced in the Scriptures, as an everlasting inheritance to the Israelites, and consequently we support the State of Israel with Jerusalem as its capital city. Numbers 34:1-12, Jeremiah 30:3, Ezekiel 47:13-23