

WHAT WE BELIEVE

- » **We believe** in the one and only triune God. We acknowledge there is one true God consisting of three distinct persons: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. (1John 5:5-8; John 1:1; Matt. 28:19-20 NKJV)
- » **We believe** that the Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, was conceived of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, crucified, died, was buried, and was resurrected. He ascended into Heaven and is now seated at the right hand of God the Father and is true God and true man. (Matthew, Mark, Luke, John NKJV)
- » **We believe** that the Bible in its entirety is composed of the Old and New Testaments; is the Word of God, fully inspired and written under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, and is our rule of faith and practice. (2Tim.3:16-17 NKJV)
- » **We believe** that all are born sinners; the Holy Spirit convicts of sin; the Lord Jesus Christ paid the price for sin by shedding His precious blood on the cross as the atonement for sin; those who refuse to accept His sacrifice for their sin are eternally lost; and those who repent of their sin and personally accept the Lord Jesus Christ as Savior receive the forgiveness of sin and life everlasting and are indwelt by the Holy Spirit. (Acts 3:19-21; Rom. 10:9-13; 1Cor 6:9-11 NKJV)
- » **We believe** in the baptism of the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues as the Spirit of God gives utterance, that all the gifts of the Holy Spirit are valid and operative today, and that the fruit of the Holy Spirit should be increasingly evident in a Christian's life. (1Cor.12:7-11; Mark 16:17, Acts 2:4; Gal. 5:22-23; Eph. 5:8-10 NKJV)
- » **We believe** that the redemptive work of the Lord Jesus Christ provides healing for our spirit, soul, and body. (Jer. 17:14; Jer. 33:6; Is. 53:5; Matt. 10:8 NKJV)
- » **We believe** that we should obey Jesus' command to preach the gospel to all the world. (Matt. 12:14; Matt. 28:19-20; Ps. 96:3; Rev. 14:6-7 NKJV)
- » **We believe** that the members of the Body of Christ are the Church and that they should regularly fellowship with one another in a local church setting. (Acts 2:41-42; Heb. 10:24-25; Matt. 18-20; Col. 3:16 NKJV)
- » **We believe** in baptism by water. (Mark 1:8-9; Matt. 3:6;11,16 NKJV)
- » **We believe** in and look for the personal return of the Lord Jesus Christ. (1Thes. 4:16-17; Heb. 9:28; Rev. 1:7; Matt. 24:36, 44; John 14: 1-3; Acts 1:11 NKJV)
- » **We believe** in God's immutable creation of men and women to reflect His image. (Gen 1:27 NKJV)

- » **We believe** each person’s body is the temple of the Holy Spirit and that we are to glorify God in our bodies. (Rom. 12:1; 1 Cor. 6:18-20 NKJV).
- » **We believe** we are to walk in the Spirit and to flee sexual immorality. (Gal. 5:16; 1 Cor. 6:9-10; Gal 5; 19-21; Rev. 21:8 NKJV)
- » **We believe** that the Bible defines marriage as the uniting of one man and one woman in a single, exclusive union (Gen. 2:18-25 NKJV).
- » **We believe** that God intends sexual intimacy to occur only between a man and a woman within the confines of marriage (1 Cor. 7:2-5; Heb. 13:4; Mark 10:6-9 NKJV)
- » **We believe** that God’s design for sexual intimacy in the context of marriage between one man and one woman does not allow for the practice of homosexuality, both male and female, and that the practice of homosexuality is incompatible with Biblical teaching. (1 Cor. 6:9-10; Rom. 1:24-27; Eph. 5:31-32; 1Cor; 7:2; Mark 10; 6-9; Heb. 13:4 NKJV)
- » **We believe** that marriage is not a human institution, but is a specific divine metaphor that illustrates the union of Christ and the church. Only a union between a man and a woman can properly illustrate the relationship between Christ and His church. (Eph. 5:22-32 NKJV)
- » **We believe** in and provide an atmosphere of love and restoration that creates a setting and a place of safety for those who struggle with gender issues, whereby they can live according to stated Biblical teachings and not according to the dictates of their own beliefs. (1 Peter 1:22 NKJV. “Since you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit in sincere love of the brethren, love one another fervently with a pure heart.”)