

## **God**

God is the Creator and Ruler of the universe. He has eternally existed in three personalities: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. These three are co-equal and are one God.

*Genesis 1:1, 26, 27; 3:22; Psalm 90:2; Matthew 28:19; 2 Corinthians 13:14; 1 Peter 1:2*

## **Jesus Christ**

Jesus Christ is the Son of God. He is co-equal with the Father. Jesus lived a sinless human life and offered Himself as the perfect sacrifice for the sins of all men by dying on a cross. He arose from the dead after three days to demonstrate His power over sin and death. He ascended to Heaven's glory and will return again to earth to reign as King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

*Isaiah 9:6; Matthew 1:22-23; John 1:1-5; 14:10-30; Acts 1:9-11; Romans 1:3-4; 1 Corinthians 15:3-3; 1 Timothy 6:14-15; Titus 2:13; Hebrews 4:14-15*

## **The Holy Spirit**

The Holy Spirit is equal with the Father and the Son as God. He is present in the world to make men aware of their need for Jesus Christ. He also lives in every Christian from the moment of salvation. He provides the Christian with the power for living, understanding of spiritual truth, and guidance in doing what is right. The Christians seeks to live under His control daily.

*John 14:16-17; 16:7-13; Acts 1:8; 1 Corinthians 2:12; 3:16; 2 Corinthians 3:17; Galatians 5:25; Ephesians 1:13; 5:18*

## **The Bible**

The Bible is God's Word to all men. It was written by human authors under the supernatural guidance of the Holy Spirit. It is the supreme source of truth for Christian beliefs and living. Because it is inspired by God, it is truth without any mixture of error.

*Psalm 119:105, 160; 12:6; Proverbs 30:5; 2 Timothy 1:13; 3:16; 2 Peter 1:20-21*

## **Man**

Man is made in the spiritual image of God, to be like Him in character. He is the supreme object of God's creation. Although man has tremendous potential for good, he is marred by an attitude of disobedience toward God called "sin." This attitude separates man from God.

*Genesis 1:27; Psalm 8:3-6; Isaiah 53:6a; 59:1-2; Romans 3:23*

## **Eternity**

Man was created to exist forever. He will either exist eternally separated from God by sin, or in union with God, through forgiveness and salvation. To be eternally separated from God is Hell. To be eternally in union with Him is eternal life. Heaven and Hell are places of eternal existence.

*John 3:16; Romans 6:23; 1 John 2:25; 5:11-13; Revelation 20:15*

## **Salvation**

Salvation is a gift from God to man. Man can never make up for his sin by self-improvement or good works. Only by trusting in Jesus Christ as God's offer of forgiveness can man be saved from sin's penalty. Eternal life begins the moment one receives Jesus Christ into his life by faith.

*John 1:12; 14:6; Romans 5:1; 6:23; Galatians 3:26; Ephesians 2:8-9; Titus 3:5*

## **Eternal Security**

Because God gives man eternal life through Jesus Christ, the believer is secure in that salvation for eternity. Salvation is maintained by the grace and power of God, not by the self-effort of the Christian. It is the grace and keeping power of God that gives this security. *John 10:29; 2 Timothy 1:12; Hebrews 7:25; 1 Peter 1:3-5*

## **Stewardship/Tithing**

Tithing has traditionally been defined as giving the first 10% of income to the church. In the Old Testament, tithing indicated Israel's devotion to God. Withholding tithes and offerings was regarded as robbing God and when people forsook the tithe, it often went to idols. When Jesus was on earth, He focused stewardship on the inward attitude. He regarded stewardship of finances as an indication of trustworthiness with spiritual things. The New Testament does not require Christians to tithe in the sense of giving 10%, but it does reiterate many things about giving: the poor and needy should be cared for, those that give can trust God to supply their needs, and giving should be done joyfully. We believe that church members, following the example of Christ who gave His life, should give cheerfully in proportion to how much the Lord has prospered you. That you be faithful in your giving to the church on a regular basis and above that allow yourself to be moved by the Spirit to meet specific needs as they arise, knowing that you will reap in proportion to what you sow and that ultimately you will give account for your deeds.

*Amos 4:4; Malachi 3:8-12; Matthew 23:23; Luke 16:11; Romans 14:12; 1 Corinthians 16:1; 2 Corinthians 9:7-14; Galatians 2:10*