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We Believe...

The Bible...is the inspired and only infallible and authoritative written Word of God. (2 Tim. 3:15-17).

There is one God...eternally existent in three persons; God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit (Deut. 6:4; Matt. 28:19).

In the deity of the Lord Jesus Christ...(John 1:1; Mark 14:61-62; Phil. 2:6) in His virgin birth (Matt. 1:23), in His sinless life (1 Peter 2:22), in His miracles (Acts 2:22), in His vicarious and atoning death (1 Cor. 15:3), in His bodily resurrection (Matt. 28:6), in His ascension to the right hand of the Father (Acts 1:9).

People need a Savior...We believe in the total depravity of man (Rom. 3:23). The only way to salvation is through faith in the finished work of Jesus Christ (John 14:6). We believe we are saved by grace through faith (Eph. 2:8). We believe that God's great love for mankind motivated Him to send God the Son into the world and be the atoning sacrifice for all sins ever committed (past, present and future) (Eph. 2:4; 1 John 2:2). Faith in Jesus alone grants us all the benefits of the Kingdom of God (Rom. 3:28). Our human spirits are reborn and made righteous and have within them all things that pertain to life and Godliness (2 Cor. 5:17-21; 2 Peter 1:3). The free gift of eternal life generates good works; good works do not generate eternal life (Rom. 6:23; Eph. 2:10).

In the baptism in the Holy Spirit as evidenced by speaking in tongues (Acts 2:4)...This was the normal experience for believers in the biblical account of the early church. This is distinct from and subsequent to the experience of being born again (Acts 8:12-17). With it comes power for life and service (Acts 1:8), and the bestowment of spiritual gifts for use in ministry (1 Cor 12:1-31). We do not promote speaking in tongues in a public church service (1 Cor 14:18-19). We believe speaking in tongues is the highest form of prayer to God (1 Cor. 14:2). It is the ability to communicate directly to God; spirit to Spirit (1 Cor 14:14).

We believe...that God created man as a free moral agent. He has a God given right to choose good or evil (Gen. 2:17).

We believe God gave man authority over all he created (Gen. 1:26). We believe that through deception the devil stole that authority and that he (the devil) became the god of this world (Gen. 3:1-7; 2 Cor. 4:4). We believe all sin, sickness and imperfection can be traced back to Satan (John 10:10). We believe that God is perfect and that there is no darkness in Him at all (1 John 1:5). We believe that the life of Jesus Christ as recorded in the Gospels clearly demonstrates God's goodness, Satan's evil and man's ability to choose who they will serve (John 14:9, 8:44, 12:37).

We do not believe...in the concept of the "Sovereignty of God" as taught in most Christian churches today. They believe that God is in control of everything and ultimately whatever happens to us is under His dominion. We believe this doctrine violates the integrity of the Word of God. God made man with a free will and ultimately our life is the sum total of decisions we made or decisions someone else made for us (Deut. 30:19). God is love and he can not be tempted by evil (1 John 4:8; James 1:13). We believe the assigning of evil to God was birthed from the mind of Satan to deceive people into accepting their lot in life (1 Tim. 4:1). We believe it causes people to not accept responsibility for their actions (Gen. 3:12). Furthermore, it eliminates their ability to use faith toward God in order to be rescued from the power of darkness (Matt. 9:29; James 1:6).

In Supernatural healing...we believe that divine health is the perfect will of God for every person (3 John 1:2). We also recognize that few people will walk in this truth (2 Cor. 5:7). Healing for the physical body is provided the same way salvation is provided. It is by grace through faith. The Bible emphatically teaches that Jesus is the healer (Matt. 8:17; 1 Pet. 2:24). We do not have to pray for God to heal us. We simply need to renew our minds to this truth from God's Word and receive by faith what God has already provided by grace (Mark 5:34; Rom. 12:2). Recognizing that few Christians will implement this truth into their lives we understand that we are to be like Jesus and have compassion on those suffering with sickness in their bodies (Mark 1:41). This truth also applies to anyone under spiritual, mental or emotional oppression (Acts 10:38). We believe we are called by God to meet people where they are, and to minister the grace and love of God to them (John 13:34; Matt. 7:12).

In the resurrection...of both the saved and the lost, the one to everlasting life and the other to judgment and everlasting damnation (1 Cor. 15:52; Matt 25:46; Rev. 20:15).