

What I Believe

The Bible

I believe the Bible was written by men, inspired by God, and is accurate and reliable. I depend on it to be my guide for my faith and how I live, as far as I understand it. All should practice reading the bible independently, testing its truths to build a solid foundation, so as not to be easily led astray.

The Trinity

I believe there is one God who is triune (3 in 1), consisting of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Jesus

I believe Jesus was born of a Virgin, having no earthly father; therefore born without the sin nature blood, yet I believe scripture shows he was tempted in every human way to sin, yet did not, qualifying him to be God's chosen perfect sacrifice for the sin of mankind.

The Cross

I believe Jesus' death on the cross paid the price required by God to reconcile us to Him. Because God is holy, unable to dwell with sin, and having a desire to be with us, He sent his son, Jesus Christ, who lived a perfect, sinless life, to die, giving up his lifeblood as payment for the sin of the world, therefore reconciling us to Him.

The Resurrection

I believe in the bodily resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, in which I place my hope for eternal life. As he was first risen, so I will be.

Resurrection of Judgment

I believe that everyone will be judged after death. Those who reject Christ will be rejected by God. They will be condemned to live eternally, separated from everything God is, which defines hell.

Christ's Return

I believe the Day is coming when Christ returns in the body to set up His

earthly kingdom, where all will be without sin and live in perfect righteousness.

Sin

I believe that man was created in the image of God, with goodness, yet the first man, Adam, was given free will, and Adam fell into the temptation to disobey God. Since then, all mankind has been born with the blood of a sinful nature, separating all of mankind from God and eternal life.

Salvation

I believe that the only way to escape eternal separation from God (hell) and join God in heaven, is through a personal belief in the gospel message of Christ Jesus. When we admit we're sinners, believe that Christ died for our sins, was raised from the dead, and we ask the Spirit to come into us to guide us to live like Christ, we're saved. Salvation is a gift. Paid for. Done.

The Holy Spirit

I believe that the Holy Spirit is God in us. He enters our hearts and minds at the moment of salvation. He then guides us to live a Kingdom-style life that exemplifies Christ. He convicts us of sin when we sin and leads us to ask God for forgiveness. He also helps us interpret the Word as we read it.

Sanctification

Through guidance of the Holy Spirit and time, I've grown in my commitment to living life in a community of believers, using my Spiritual Gifts, serving others, and am still working on a "you before me" mentality.

The Church

We identify as being part of the church through the act of baptism and remembering Christ's death through the partaking of the Lord's Supper. I also believe that the church is the body of Christ, meaning that each believer has been given a gift to be used to help meet the purpose of the church, which is to serve the community, bringing others to salvation.

The World

I believe that all I am called to be in the world, but separate from it.

Evangelism

As a Christian, I'm called to witness for Christ, preach the gospel

whenever opportunities arise, and study the Bible personally, guided by the interpretative power of the Holy Spirit (and reliable resources. Ha!)

Resource: I used the Bible Study Fellowship statement of Faith as found online as a guide to what I beleive.