



## Our Beliefs in a Nutshell

*"In essentials unity, in non-essentials liberty, and in all things charity" - St. Augustine*

### **About The Bible**

We believe the whole Bible is the complete revelation and inspired Word of God and, consequently, is without error. The Spirit used imperfect men to write the words of scripture, but He overcame their limitations through supernatural guidance. As a result, God's written word is good for doctrine, reproof, correction, and instruction in righteous living. *II Timothy 3:16, II Peter 1:20-21, II Timothy 1:13, Psalm 119:105,160, Proverbs 30:5*

### **About God**

The Bible says there is one God who exists in three different persons: the Father, Son, and Spirit. He is the creator and ruler of the universe. *Genesis 1:1,26-27, 3:22, Psalm 90:2, Matthew 28:19, I Peter 1:2, II Corinthians 13:14*

### **About Jesus Christ**

As the Son of God, Jesus was born of a virgin into this world. He lived a perfect life and came for the purpose of dying on a cross for our sins. Three days later, He rose from the dead to demonstrate His power over sin and death. He spent more than a month pronouncing the great commission to His disciples and then ascended into Heaven where He is now seated with the father. Although He sent the Spirit to be our helper, Jesus promised to return one day to establish His kingdom over all. *Matthew 1:22-23, Isaiah 9:6, John 1:1-5, 14:10-30, Hebrews 4:14-15, I Corinthians 15:3-4, Romans 1:3-4, Acts 1:9-11, I Timothy 6:14-15, Titus 2:13*

### **About The Holy Spirit**

The Holy Spirit is co-equal with the Father and the Son of 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 power for living, understanding of spiritual truth, and guidance in doing what is right. He gives every believer spiritual gifts to equip them for ministry and for engaging in gospel mission. As Christians, we seek to live under his control every day. *II Corinthians 3:17, John 16:7-13, 14:16-17, Acts 1:8, I Corinthians 2:12, 3:16, Ephesians 1:13, 5:18, Galatians 5:25*

### **About Human Beings**

People are made in the spiritual image of God, to be like Him in character. People are the supreme object of God's creation. Although every person has tremendous potential for good, all of us are marred by an attitude of disobedience toward God called "sin." This attitude separates people from God and causes many problems in life. *Genesis 1:27, Psalm 8:3-6, Isaiah 53:6a, 59:1-2, Romans 3:23*

### **About Salvation**

Salvation is God's free gift, but we must accept it. We can never make up for our sin by self-improvement or good works. Only by trusting in Jesus Christ as God's offer of forgiveness can anyone be saved from sin's penalty. When we turn from our self-ruled life and turn to Jesus in faith we are saved. Eternal life begins the moment one receives Jesus Christ into his life by faith. *Romans 6:23, Ephesians 2:8-9, John 14:6, 1:12, Titus 3:5, Galatians 3:26, Romans 5:1*

### **About Eternal Security**

Because God gives us eternal life through Jesus Christ, the true believer is secure in that salvation for eternity. If you have been genuinely saved, you cannot "lose" it. 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 us this security. *John 10:29, II Timothy 1:12, Hebrews 7:25, 10:10,14, I Peter 1:3-5*

### **About Eternity**

People were created to exist forever. We will either exist eternally separated from God by sin, or eternally with God through forgiveness and salvation. To be separated from God is Hell. To be eternally in union with Him is Heaven. Heaven and Hell are real places of eternal existence. *John 3:16, John 14:17, Romans 6:23, Romans 8:17-18, Revelation 20:15, I Corinthians 2:7-9*