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## One God

We embrace belief in one God, revealed in the Holy Bible, infinitely Spirit, Creator, and Upholder of all things. We embrace the doctrine of the Trinity, that God is eternally existing in three persons, God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit; One in essence, distinct in person and function. The LORD, revealed by name in Exodus 3, is not caused but IS.

## Father

God the Father is the first person of the Trinity and the source of all that God is and does. From Him the Son is eternally begotten, not made, and from them the Spirit eternally proceeds in personhood.

## Jesus the Christ

We embrace that the Word of God, the maker of all things, the Lord Jesus Christ, is the second person of the Trinity, the eternally, only begotten Son of God. He is Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father. He, for humanity, and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit and of the Virgin Mary, and was made man; he was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate, and suffered, and was buried, and the third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and presently sits at the right hand of the Father and intercedes for all believers. From heaven, at a time determined by the Father, he will come again, with glory, to judge the living and the dead and to usher in a Kingdom that has no end.

## Holy Spirit

We embrace the belief that the Holy Spirit is the third person of the Trinity, eternally proceeding from the Father and the Son. He is equal in deity within the Godhead and yet distinct in personhood. He with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified and spoke in Scripture by the agency of the apostles and the prophets. He was active in the creation of the universe; He is the agent of inspiration and regeneration; He indwells and sanctifies all believers.

## Creation

We embrace that all things were created by The LORD. Satan, a created angelic being, fell from his sinless state and become an agent of evil leading a host of fallen angels with him. All creation was spoken into being by the Word of God in six historical days and is continuously sustained by the Word; thus it both reflects His glory and reveals His truth. Human beings did not evolve, but were formed by God and bear the image of God. As reasoning moral agents, they are responsible for their actions to God including understanding and governing themselves and the world.

# Bible

We embrace that the Bible, both Old and New Testaments were written by men supernaturally inspired by God. Accordingly, all its words are the true written revelation of God. It is inerrant in the originals and authoritative in all matters and above all authority. It can be understood by all through the illumination of the Holy Spirit. Its meaning is determined by the historical, grammatical, and literary use of the author's language, understood contextually by comparing Scripture with Scripture.

## Sin

We embrace that Adam, a real historical man, first of the human race, willfully disobeyed God. This action brought sin and, as a result, death into the world. By nature all persons are sinners from conception. This fact is evidenced by their willful acts of sin. All men are subject to eternal punishment, under the just condemnation of a holy God.

## Salvation

We embrace that every person of every race of every generation can be saved only by the grace of God through repentance and faith in the work of Jesus Christ alone, Believers, who are as Jesus said "born again," receive the Holy Spirit as a seal of their inheritance in Christ and are eternally declared righteous, and because they have been made to be a holy son of God, are assured of heaven. The Holy Spirit indwells all who are born again, conforming them to the likeness of Jesus Christ. This is a process completed only in Heaven. Every believer is responsible to live in obedience to the Word of God in separation from sin.

## Church

We embrace that a church is a local assembly of spiritually regenerate believers, who live daily under the discipline of the Word of God and the lordship of Christ. They intentionally carry out the Great Commission and properly administer the ordinances of believer's baptism and communion. Its offices are pastors and deacons, and it is self-governing. It functions through the ministry of gifts given by the Holy Spirit to each believer.

## Future

We embrace the biblical belief that the return of Christ for all believers is imminent. It will be followed by seven years of great tribulation, and then the coming of Christ to establish His earthly kingdom for a thousand years. The unsaved will then be raised and judged according to their works and separated forever from God in hell. The saved, having been raised, will live forever in heaven in fellowship with God.