

GOD

God is the one and only true God, eternal, perfect and infinite in His being, transcendent above the world as its Creator, yet immanent in the world as the Preserver of all things. God is self-existent and self-revealing in three divine Persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, who are distinct in function, but equal in power and glory.

The Father is revealed in Scripture as a person of the triune Godhead. His existence and power are revealed in creation and in the function of the human conscience. He sent His Son into the world for the salvation of the world in the person of Jesus of Nazareth, who claimed and addressed Him as His Father. He is a Father in a personal relationship to all who confess and follow Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord.

JESUS CHRIST

Jesus Christ is one with the Father and the Holy Spirit in the triune Godhead, the eternal Word and divine Son of God. Before His incarnation, He was eternally with God the Father and was God. In regard to His humanity, He was miraculously conceived of the Holy Spirit without a human Father, was born of a virgin, took on true humanity, and thus was fully human and fully divine. He gave Himself in death upon the cross as a substitutionary and propitiatory sacrifice for the sins of the world, by which He paid the price of redemption, thus satisfying both the righteousness and the love of God. He was raised from the dead, glorified in the body in which He had suffered and died, ascended into heaven, is at the right hand of the Father, and makes intercession for us. He is the only Savior and Lord of the church and the universe.

HOLY SPIRIT

The Holy Spirit is one with the Father and with the Son in the triune Godhead and possesses all of the distinctively divine attributes. He is God, present and active in the world, ministering conviction of sin to sinners and regeneration to penitents. The Holy Spirit is God's gift to believers, in whom He resides. He ministers comfort, assurance, guidance, and victory. He is the agent of sanctification in the believer's life, producing progressive growth in Spirit-fruit.

THE BIBLE

The 66 books of the Bible are the written Word of God. The Bible is divinely inspired and inerrant throughout. The Scriptures, both Old Testament and New Testament, are the Word of

God, a supernatural revelation from God to mankind, verbally inspired by the Holy Spirit through humans instrumentality, without error in the original writings in all that they affirm. It is the supreme authority in everything it teaches

CREATION

Creation is a good and supernatural work of God, who is the creator of all things, visible and invisible. Creation is the explanation of the origin and existence of all things. Scripture teaches a recent origin for man and the whole creation, spanning approximately 4,000 years from creation to Christ. The days in Genesis correspond to six [6] consecutive twenty-four [24] hour days of creation.

THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH

We believe that Jesus Christ, to whom all authority is given, commanded the church to go into all the world and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them and instructing them to obey all of His teachings. In His mission to the world, Jesus not only preached the kingdom of God but also fed the hungry, healed the sick, cast out demons and set the prisoners free. Therefore the church, in her mission to the world, must preach the gospel and minister to the needs of the total person.

SALVATION

The special creation of Adam (the first man) and Eve (the first woman), and their subsequent fall into sin, is the basis for the necessity of salvation for mankind. Salvation is a gift of God's grace based on the work of Jesus Christ (the shedding of His blood on the cross, His resurrection and present intercessory ministry) and the ministry of the Holy Spirit. It is received by faith alone in Christ alone and expressed in the individual's repentance, recognition of the death of Christ as full payment for sin, and acceptance of the risen Christ as Savior, Lord, and God.