

## What I Believe

I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. He is God, a part of the God Head with God the Father and the Holy Spirit; one revealed in three persons. Jesus was born of the Virgin Mary and lived a human life without sin. I believe after Jesus death He resurrected on the third day. He is king of life and king over death and holds all authority. God the Father then, gave Christ life for the redemption of humanity.

I believe that when a person repents of their sin, they should be baptized and thereby publicly proclaiming they are a Christian. Moreover, repentance should be reflected in their lifestyle and they should have the support of Christians in living in covenant with Christ.

I believe the Holy Spirit empowers every believer in Jesus Christ to live in accordance to the teachings found in the Word of God (the Bible). Furthermore, I believe that Jesus Christ is the fulfillment of the Old Testament Law and that He has established a new Covenant, which does away with the need for animal or any other sacrifice. Jesus Christ being the full and only sacrifice to reestablish relationship between humanity and God. Christian living is thereby a manifestation of love and gratitude to God and a life drawing into the same faithful living Christ reflected to God the Father.

I believe that the Word of God is inspired by the Holy Spirit. That the Bible is complete for discipleship in Christ and no man-made creed of obedience to God need be added for discipleship. However, man-made creeds can be instructional in living a Christian lifestyle when they hold to the truth of the Bible.

I believe that Communion should be partaken when believers gather in Christ's Name. Communion should be open to all who confess Jesus Christ as their Savior and Lord. It is in remembrance of His body and blood that were the acceptable offering to establish the forgiveness of sin. God condemned sin in the flesh of Jesus (God the Son); He (the Son) being resurrected (saved) God (the Father) receiving His required atoning sacrifice purifying all who place faith in the triune God due to Jesus (the Son of Man) being without sin Himself.

I believe the Gospel Message is proclaiming that God personally loves all mankind. He sent Jesus to bring life out of death through His crucifixion and resurrection from the dead. Jesus has fulfilled this mission to redeem humanity and overcome all opposition to God's will. Jesus finished this work and is King over heaven and earth willing and able to forgive all who through Faith repent and declare commitment to Him whom He will give the gift of the Holy Spirit as a light to follow in this present age and as His deposit of promised life in the age to come in fulfillment at His second coming.

I believe that Jesus Christ's second coming to Earth will result in Judgement on what each human being has done with their life. Faith in God will result in continued life, but the lifestyle of embracing sin and rejection of Jesus Christ's atoning sacrifice will end in death. This is because the wages of sin is death and denying Christ's death and resurrection (which He shares through faith) is not forced.

I believe Life is the Triune God's free gift.

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