

What we Believe

The following was put together by the Pastor and the congregation of a small new church in Utah sometime ago. It very clearly defines where I stand with my beliefs.

1. We believe in the **HOLY SCRIPTURE**: accepting fully the writings of the Old and New Testaments as the very Word of God, verbally inspired in all parts and therefore wholly without error as originally given of God, altogether sufficient in themselves as our only infallible and authoritative rule of faith and practice. We also believe that the King James Bible is the divinely preserved Word of God for the English speaking world of today. It is the only Bible that still holds to the truth, Psalm 12:6-7; Psalms 119:89; Proverbs 30:5a; 2 Timothy 3:16-17; 2 Peter 1:19-21.
2. We believe in the **ONE TRUE GOD**: who is an intelligent, sovereign, spiritual and personal being; perfect, infinite, and eternal in His being, holiness and love, wisdom and power; absolutely separate from and above the world as it's creator, yet everywhere present in the world as the upholder of all things. He is revealed to us as the Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit, three distinctive persons but without division of nature, essence or being, and each having a distinct ministry in God's relation to His creation and people. Genesis 1:1; Exodus 15:11; Psalms 83:18' 139:7,9; Matthew 28:19; John 10:30; 15:26.
3. We believe in the **LORD JESUS CHRIST**: Who is the second Person of the Triune God, the eternal Word and the only Begotten Son; that without any change in His divine Person, became man by miracle of the Virgin Birth, thus continues forever as both true God and true man, one Person with two natures; that as a Man He was tempted in all points as we are, yet without sin; that as the perfect LAMB OF GOD He gave Himself in death upon the cross, bearing the sin of the world, and suffering it's full penalty of divine wrath in our stead; that He arose from the grave in a glorified body; that as our great HIGH PRIEST He ascended into Heaven, there to appear before the face of God as our Advocate and Intercessor. John 1:1,14; 3:16; Matthew 1:18-25; Galatians 4:4-5; Philippians 2:6-10; 1 Corinthians 15:3-7; Hebrews 4:14-16; 1 John 2:1-2.
4. We believe in the **HOLY SPIRIT**: Who is the Third Person of the Trinity, and the Divine Agent in nature, revelation and redemption; that He convicts the world concerning sin, righteousness and judgment; that He regenerates.. indwells baptizes, seals and anoints all who become children of God through Christ; that he further empowers, guides, teaches, sanctities and fills believers who daily surrender to Him. John 3:5; 14:16,17,26; 15:7-14; Romans 8:9; 1 Corinthians 12:13; 2 Corinthians 3:18; Ephesians 1:13; 5:18.
5. We believe **ALL MEN ARE BY NATURE AND CHOICE SINFUL AND LOST**: that man was the direct creation of God, made in His image and likeness; that by personal disobedience to the revealed will of God, man became a sinful creature, the father of a fallen race which is universally sinful in both nature and practice, thus alienated from the life and family of God, under the righteous judgment and wrath of God, and has within himself no possible means of salvation. Genesis 1:27; 3:6; Psalm 51:5; Romans 3:23; 5:12,19; Galatians 3:11.
6. We believe in **SALVATION BY GRACE THROUGH FAITH**: that salvation is the free gift of God, neither merited nor secured in part or in whole by any virtue or work of man, but received only by personal faith and acceptance of Lord Jesus Christ, in whom all true believers have as a present possession the gift of eternal life, a perfect righteousness, sonship in the family of God, deliverance and security from all condemnation, every spiritual resource needed for life and godliness, and the divine guarantee that they shall never perish; that this salvation affects the whole man; that apart from Christ there is no possible salvation. Ephesians 2:8,9; Titus 3:5; John 1:12; 3:14; 10:28,29; Romans 8:1; Philippians 1:6.
7. We believe in the **PERSEVERANCE OF THE SAINTS** we believe that such only are real. believers as endure unto the end; that their persevering attachment to Christ is the grand mark which distinguishes them from superficial professors; that a special providence watches over their welfare; and that they are kept by the peace of God through faith unto eternal salvation. True believers can never lose their salvation. John 8:31, 32; Colossians 1:21-23; 1 John 2:19; Matthew 13:19-21; Romans 8:28; Psalm 121:3; Hebrews 1:14; 1 Peter 1:5; Philippians 1:6; John 10:27-29; Romans 8:35-39.
8. We believe in **RIGHTEOUS LIVING AND GODLY WORKS** not as a means of salvation in any sense, but as it's proper evidence and Christians we should obey the Word of our Lord, seek the things from above, walk as He walked, accept as our solemn responsibility the duty and privileges of bearing the Gospel to a lost world; remembering that a victorious and fruitful Christian life is possible only to those who in gratitude for the infinite and undeserved mercies of God have presented themselves wholly to Christ. Ephesians 2:10; Romans 12:1, 2; Philippians 2:16.
9. We believe in the **EXISTENCE OF SATAN**: who originally was created a holy and perfect being, but through pride and wicked ambition rebelled against God, thus becoming utterly depraved in character, the great adversary of God, and His people, leader of all the other evil angels and wicked spirits, the deceiver and god of this present world; that his powers are vast, but strictly limited by the

permissive will of God, who overrules all his wicked devices for good; that he was defeated and judged at the cross, and therefore his final doom is certain; that we are able to resist and overcome him only in the armor of God, by the shed blood of the LAMB and through the power of the Holy Spirit. Isaiah 14:12-15; Ephesians 6:12; 1 Peter 5:8; 1 John 3:8; Revelation 12:9-11; 20:10.

10. We believe in the **SECOND COMING OF CHRIST**: that His coming in the air to rapture, (snatch away) His believers, which is our blessed hope, is always imminent; that when He has first by resurrection of the dead and translation of the living, removed from the earth His waiting church, He will then pour out the righteous judgments of God upon the unbelieving world and afterwards descend with His church and establish His glorious and literal kingdom over all the nations for a thousand years. 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; James 4:8; Hebrews 10:37; Jude 14,15; Revelation 19:11-16; 20,4-7.

11. We believe in **FUTURE LIFE, BODILY RESURRECTION AND ETERNAL JUDGMENT** that the spirits of the saved at death go Immediately to be with Christ in Heaven, that their works shall be brought before the Judgment Seat of Christ for the determination of rewards which will take place at the time when Christ comes for His own; that the spirits of the unsaved at death descend immediately into Hell where they are kept under punishment until the final days of the judgment, at which time their bodies shall be raised from the grave, that they shall be judged and cast into the Lake of Fire, the place of final and everlasting punishment. 1 Corinthians 15; 2 Corinthians 5:8-10; Luke 16:19- 23; Revelation 20:11-15.

12. We believe in the **SEPARATION OF CHURCH AND STATE**: with each having definite and distinct spheres of responsibility. Matthew 22:21; Romans 13:1-7.

13. We believe in the **PRIESTHOOD OF ALL BELIEVERS**: that Christ is our Great High Priest and through Him every born-again person has direct access into God's presence without the need of a human priest; that the believer has the right and responsibility to personally study and interpret the Scriptures guided by the Holy Spirit. John 14:6; Hebrews 4:16; 2 Timothy 2:15; 1 Peter 2:1,5,9.

14. We believe in the **LORDSHIP OF JESUS CHRIST**: that He alone is Head of the Body of Christ, into which all true believers are immediately baptized by the Holy Spirit; that all members of this one spiritual body should assemble and identify themselves in local churches. 1 Corinthians 12:13; Ephesians 1:22, 23; 4:11- 15; Galatians 1:22.

15. We believe in the **IMPORTANCE OF THE LOCAL CHURCH**: that a New Testament church is a local assembly of born—again baptized believers united in organization to practice New Testament ordinances, to meet together for worship, fellowship, teaching, and a united testimony, and to actively engage in carrying out the Great Commission. Acts 2:41,42; 1 Corinthians 11:2; Matthew 28:18-20.

16. We believe in the **INDEPENDENCE AND AUTONOMY OF THE LOCAL CHURCH**: that each New Testament church is free to govern itself without ecclesiastical interference, and should cooperate with other churches as the Holy Spirit leads; that it is responsible to follow the pattern of the New Testament Church and is directly responsible to God. Matthew 18:17; Acts 6:1-5; 13:1-3; 15:22, 23.

17. We believe the **TWO ORDINANCES GIVEN TO THE LOCAL CHURCH ARE: BAPTISM AND THE LORD'S SUPPER**: that Baptism is by complete immersion of the believers, thus portraying the DEATH, BURIAL, AND RESURRECTION of Jesus Christ; that the Lord's Supper is the partaking of the bread and cup by the believer as a continuing memorial of the broken Body and shed Blood of Christ. Matthew 28:19, 20; Acts 2:41; 8:38,39; Matthew 26:26-30; 1 Corinthians 11:23-34.

18. We believe that the **SHED BLOOD OF CHRIST SAVES AND CLEANSSES US FROM ALL SIN**: that the blood atonement given by God to Moses was a type of the blood sacrifice of Christ upon the cross of Calvary; and that without the blood being shed there is no remission of sins; that it was at the cross where the blood of Christ was shed; and that we have complete redemption and justification through the blood of Jesus Christ. Leviticus 17:11; Exodus 12; Matthew 26:28; Mark 14:24 John 19:34; Romans 5:9; Ephesians 1:7 Colossians 1:20; Hebrews 9:12, 22; 13:20; 1 John 1:7