

# New Creation's Beliefs

## *The Scriptures Inspired*

We believe the Bible is the inspired and only infallible and authoritative Word of God. The Bible constitutes the divine and only rule of Christian faith and practice.

(II Tim. 3:16; II Peter 1:19-21)

## *The One True God*

We believe there is one God, eternally existent in three persons: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. These three are one God, having precisely the same nature, attributes and perfection, and worth of precisely the same homage, confidence and obedience. (Mark 12: 29; Isaiah 43:10-11; Matt 28:19; II Cor. 13:14; I John 5:7)

## *The Deity Of Christ*

We believe in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious and atoning death, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, in His personal future return to this earth in power and glory to establish His kingdom of righteousness and peace. (Isaiah 7:14; Hebrews 4:15; Acts 2:22; I Peter 1:18-19; I Peter 1:3; I Peter 3:22; Acts 1:11)

## *The Holy Spirit*

We believe the Holy Spirit is a divine person, set to indwell, guide, teach, empower the believers and convince the world of sin, of righteousness and of judgment. (I Cor. 3:16; John 14:16,17,26; John 16:7-14; Acts 1:8)

## *The Fall Of Man*

We believe man was originally created in the image and likeness of God; man fell through disobedience, incurring both physical and spiritual death to the entire human race. All men are born with a sinful nature and separated from God and can be saved only through the atoning work of the Lord Jesus Christ. (Gen. 1:26; Gen 3:1-7; Romans 5:12-21)

## *The Salvation Of Man*

We believe salvation has been provided through Jesus Christ for all men and those who repent and believe in Him are born again of the Holy Spirit and thus receive the gift of eternal life and have become children of God. Our redemption has been accomplished solely by the shedding of the blood of Jesus Christ. No feelings, no good resolutions, no sincere efforts, no faith or submission to the rules and regulations of any church can add to the value of that precious blood or the merit of that finished work wrought for us by Christ. NO degree of reformation; however great; no culture, however attractive; no humanitarian and philanthropic schemes and societies; however useful; no baptism or other ordinance, however administered, can help a sinner to take even one step toward heaven. (Acts 4:12, Romans 5:15; Eph. 2:8-9; Gal 2:16; Titus 3:5-7)

### ***The Assurance Of Salvation***

We believe that all who are born again by the Spirit through faith in Christ as revealed in the Scriptures, may be assured of their salvation from the very day they take Him to be their Lord and Savior; and that this assurance is not founded upon any fancy discovery of their own worthiness, but wholly upon the testimony of God in His written Word, inducing within His Children filial love, gratitude, and obedience. (II Cor. 5:1,6-8; II Tim 1:12; I John 5:13)

### ***The Evidence Of Salvation***

We believe the inward evidence of salvation to the believer is the direct witness of the Holy Spirit (Romans 8:16). The outward evidence of salvation to all men is a life of righteousness and true holiness (Luke 1:75; Titus 2:12-14); the fruit of the Spirit (Gal. 5:22); and brotherly love. (John 13:35; Heb. 13:1; I John 3:14; Gal. 5:22, 23)

### ***Sanctification***

We believe in the sanctifying power of the Holy Spirit, by whose indwelling, the Christian is enabled to live a holy life, separated from sin and the world and fully dedicated to the will of God (Hebrews 12:14; I Thess. 5:23; I John 2:6). We are to live in the Spirit that we should not fulfill the desires of the flesh, but the flesh being still in us to the end of our earthly pilgrimage, needs to be kept constantly in subjection to Christ, or it will surely manifest its presence to the dishonor of the Lord. (Romans 8:12-13 & 12:14; Gal 5:16-25; Eph. 4:22-24; Col 3:1-20; I Peter 1:14-16)

### ***Communion***

The Lord's Supper, consisting of the elements, bread and the fruit of the vine, is the symbol expressing our sharing of the divine nature of our Lord Jesus Christ (II Peter 1:4) and a memorial of His suffering and death (I Cor. 11:26), and a prophecy of His second coming (I Cor. 11:26), and is the privilege of all believers "until He comes". (Matt 26:26-30; Mark 14:22-26; Luke 22:14-23; I Cor. 11:23-34).

### ***Water Baptism***

We believe that born again Christians should follow the Lord in water baptism by immersion, confessing Him thus publicly as Savior and Lord. Water Baptism does not take away sin, but is a public confession of Christ and identification into His death and resurrection. We are baptized into Christ - not into any church or faith or denomination. (Matt 28:19; Acts 8:36-38; Romans 6:4)

### ***Baptism In The Holy Spirit***

We believe it is the will of God that each believer should be baptized with the Holy Spirit, thereby receiving power for effective service in the divine bestowment of spiritual gifts as established by the pattern in the early church. (Acts 1:8; I Cor. 12:1-31)

### ***The True Church***

We believe that the true church is a living organism; a living body of Christ, a habitation of God through the Spirit, with divine appointment for the fulfillment of the great commission. The True Church is composed of all those who are born-again and united to Christ by the Holy Spirit and that by the same Spirit we are all baptized into one body, thus being members one of another. We are responsible to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace, rising above all sectarian prejudices and denominational differences, and loving one another with a pure heart. (Matt. 16:16-18; Romans 12:5; I Cor. 12:12-17; Eph. 1:22-23 & 4:3-10; Col. 3:14-15; I Peter 1:22)

### ***The Local Church***

We believe the local church is a body of believers in Christ who are joined together for the worship of God, for edification through the Word of God, for prayer, fellowship, the proclamation of the Gospel and observance of the ordinance of baptism and the Lord's Supper (Acts 2:42 & 47; Hebrews 10:25). The New Testament presents the local church as being sovereign, self-governing and self-propagating with Christ as the Headship. For each local assembly He has a purpose and plan. The pastor and elders are the spiritual leaders of the local church. (Eph. 4:11; I Tim. 3:1-10; Titus 1:5)

### ***The Return Of Christ***

We believe that the Second Coming of the Lord Jesus Christ is imminent and will be personal and visible. This is the believer's blessed hope and is vital truth, which is an incentive to holy living and faithful service. (Acts 2:11; I Thess. 4:16-17 & 5:2; Matt 24:32-42; Revelation 16:15; I Cor. 15:50-58)

### ***The Resurrection***

We believe there shall be a bodily resurrection of the just and the unjust. For the former - a resurrection into everlasting life; For the latter - a resurrection into everlasting damnation. The saved shall reign with Christ forever in His glory. The unsaved shall be cast into the lake of fire not to be annihilated but punished forever and forever separated from the presence of the Lord. (Luke 16:19-26 & 23:43; II Cor 5:8; II Thess. 1:7-9; Revelation 20:11-15)

### ***Discipline***

We believe that under certain circumstances corporal discipline is necessary and proper, as stated in the Word of God. (Matt. 18:15-35; I Tim. 1:20)

### ***John 3:16 (NIV)***

For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.