

# Additional Doctrines



## 1 Angels

Angels are spiritual beings created by God to execute his purposes. One chief angel, Satan, led numerous angels in rebellion against the Creator, and he continues in opposition to Christ and his people. Many other angels remain in God's service for his glory and our good. (*Luke 2:9-14, 15:10; Colossians 2:15; Hebrews 1:6-7, 13-14; Revelation 5:11-14, 20:10*)

## 2 Creation

In the beginning God was pleased to create the world and all things in it, both visible and invisible, in a six-day period, and all very good. He did this to manifest the glory of his eternal power, wisdom and goodness. (*John 1:2-3; Hebrews 1:2; Job 26:13; Romans 1:20; Colossians 1:16; Genesis 1:31*)

## 3 Christian Living

All of the saved should live in a holy manner that brings glory and honor to their Lord, including separation from apostasy, sinful practices, and inappropriate associations. Such separation should be done with a humble, gracious spirit. (*2 Corinthians 6:14-17; Romans 12:1-2, 14:13; 2 Timothy 3:1-5; 1 John 2:15-17; 2 John 9-11*)

God commands us to love Him supremely and others sacrificially and to live out our faith with care for one another, compassion toward the poor, and justice for the oppressed. With God's Word, the Spirit's power, and fervent prayer in Christ's name, we are to combat the spiritual forces of evil. (*2 Timothy 3:1-5; Romans 12:1-2, 14:13; 1 John 2:5-17; 2 Corinthians 6:14-17*)

It is the privilege and obligation of those who have trusted Christ to witness by their life and speech to the truth of the Bible and to proclaim the gospel to all mankind. Evangelism is further accomplished worldwide by sending missionaries out from the local church. (*Matthew 28:19-20; Mark 16:15; John 17:18; Acts 1:8; 2 Corinthians 5:19-20*)

## 4 Gifts of the Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit sovereignly gives believers spiritual gifts for the purpose of serving others and building up the church. Some gifts, often identified as sign gifts, were given in order to authenticate the message of the first-century church and are not observed in the present-day church. God still works miracles today when He chooses, and He hears and answers the earnest prayers of believers in accordance with His will. (*Romans 12:3-8; 1 Corinthians 12:4-12, 13:8-12, 14:1-40; Ephesians 4:7-16; James 5:14-18; 1 Peter 4:10-11; 1 John 5:14-15*)

## 5 End Times Expectations

The next great event in the fulfillment of prophecy will be the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ for the redeemed, both dead and alive. Following the Rapture will be a period of great tribulation on the earth, and in His subsequent return to earth with His saints, He will establish His millennial kingdom. The final judgment of the great white throne will take place at the end of the millennium. (*Romans 8:19-23; 1 Thessalonians 5:9; 2 Thessalonians 1:7-9; Jude 1:14-15; Revelation 3:10, 19:11-16, 20:1-6, 11*)