

We believe in...

One Lord, who is God the Father, the Maker of all things, the all-powerful King over all creation, and the only one worthy of our undivided love and adoration.¹

One Lord, against whose loving reign all human beings have inwardly and outwardly rebelled, and consequently stand under God's eternal judgment, unable and unwilling to submit.²

¹ Psalm 95:8: Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

Psalm 115:3: Not to us, O Lord, not to us, but to your name give glory. Our God is in the heavens; he does all that he pleases.

Isaiah 44:24: Thus says the Lord, your Redeemer, who formed you from the womb: I am the Lord, who made all things, who alone stretched out the heavens, who spread out the earth by myself...

Jeremiah 10:6, 7: There is none like you, O Lord; you are great, and your name is great in might. Who would not fear you, O King of the nations? For this is your due; for among all the wise ones of the nations and in all their kingdoms there is none like you.

Matthew 22:36-38: Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law? 37 And he said to him: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. 38 This is the great and first commandment.

Revelation 4:11: Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power; for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created.

² Psalm 130:3: If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand?

Romans 3:9-12, 23: What then? Are we Jews any better off? No, not at all. For we have already charged that all, both Jews and Greeks, are under sin, 10 so it is written: "None is righteous, no, not one; 11 no one understands; no one seeks for God. 12 All have turned aside; together they have become worthless; no one does good, not even one..." 23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

Romans 5:12: Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned...

Romans 8:7, 8: For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. 8 Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

One truth, by which followers of Jesus Christ are nurtured in their loving service to God since through these writings they can accurately learn of God and His desires for every area of life.⁷

One mission, which calls each follower of Jesus Christ to be, through both speech and lifestyle, His representatives in the circles in which God has uniquely placed them.⁸

to make you give for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. 16 All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness. 17 that the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work.

⁷ Psalm 119:103-105: How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth! 104 Through your precepts I get understanding; therefore I hate every false way. 105 Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

Romans 15:4: For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.

Acts 20:32: And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified.

⁸ Matthew 5:13-16: "You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet. 14 "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. 15 Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. 16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

Ephesians 2:10: For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

Colossians 4:3-6: At the same time, pray also for us, that God may open to us a door for the word, to declare the mystery of Christ, on account of which I am in prison— 4 that I may make it clear, which is how I ought to speak. 5 Walk in wisdom toward outsiders, making the best use of the time. 6 Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person.

1 Peter 3:15: ... but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect...

One Lord, Jesus Christ, who being both fully man and fully God, the eternal Son of God born in human flesh, has made, through His substitutionary death and bodily resurrection, a way of grace by which human beings can be reconciled to God and know everlasting life.³

One Lord who, through the gospel, calls all people to respond with faith to His invitation to forgiveness and a new life in the loving service of God, by turning from their defiance and following Him through the gift of a new heart empowered by God the Holy Spirit.⁴

Ephesians 1:3-4: And you were dead in the trespasses and sins, the prince of which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the 2 in which the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— 3 among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind.

³ Mark 10:45: "For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

John 1:1-14: 1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing that was made. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Romans 5:6, 8, 9: For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. 8 But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. 9 Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God.

Ephesians 2:4, 5, 8, 9: But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, 5 even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ. 8 For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, 9 not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

Colossians 1:19-22: For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, 20 and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross. 21 And you, who were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, 22 he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his blood, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him...

1 Peter 2:24: He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.

⁴ Mark 1:14, 15: Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, 15 and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel."

One mission, which until Jesus returns to our world, calls every church to make disciples of Christ as they declare His Good News, demonstrate His love, and help establish new communities of disciples who will do the same among all the peoples of the earth.⁹

⁹ Matthew 28:19-20: And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Luke 24:46, 47: ...and [he] said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, 47 and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.

Acts 1:8: "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

Acts 14:21-27: When they had preached the gospel to that city and had made many disciples, they returned to Lystra and to Iconium and to Antioch, 22 strengthening the souls of the disciples, encouraging them to continue in the faith, and saying that through many tribulations we must enter the kingdom of God. 23 And when they had appointed elders for them in every church, with prayer and fasting they committed them to the Lord in whom they had believed. 24 Then they passed through Pisidia and came to Pamphylia, 25 And when they had spoken the word in Perga, they went down to Attalia, 26 and from there they sailed to Antioch, where they had been commended to the grace of God for the work that they had fulfilled. 27 And when they arrived and gathered the church together, they declared all that God had done with them, and how he had opened a door of faith to the Gentiles.

One body, which is that community of Christ's followers called the church (being manifested by local churches), and which is both the primary means through which God works in this world and the necessary means by which its members can grow according to Jesus' likeness.⁵

One truth, which is faithfully preserved in the sacred writings of the Old and New Testaments, and which alone represents the authoritative voice of the living God.⁶

Mark 8:34, 35: And calling the crowd to him with his disciples, he said to them, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. 35 For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it.

Romans 1:16, 17: For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. 17 For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith."

Romans 10:9: ...because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

1 Corinthians 5:17: Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

⁵ John 17:20-23: "I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word. 21 That they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. 22 The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one. 23 In them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me.

Ephesians 3:10: ...so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places.

Ephesians 4:11-13: And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, 12 to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, 13 until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ...

1 Timothy 3:15: ...if I delay, you may know how one ought to behave in the household of God, which is the church of the living God, a pillar and buttress of the truth.

⁶ 1 Timothy 3:14-17: But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it 15 and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able



Our Essential Beliefs

"But as for you, teach what accords with sound doctrine." (Titus 2:1)

