

THE BIBLE

The Bible is the infallible Word of God, written by human authors under the supernatural guidance of the Holy Spirit. It is the verbal inspired word of God to all people. Because the Bible is inspired by God, it is eternal without any mixture of error that gives us a context of the history of our faith and continues to be relevant for our daily lives.

Deuteronomy 4:1-2; Psalms 119:11, 89, 105; Isaiah 40:8; Matthew 22:29; John 5:39; 16:13-15; 17:17; Romans 15:4; 2 Timothy 3:15-17; Hebrews 1:1-2; 4:12; 1 Peter 1:25; 2 Peter 3:16

TRINITY

God exists eternally as one substance in three persons; namely, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Although each member of the Trinity serves different functions, they each possess equal power and authority.

Deuteronomy 6:4; Isaiah 61:1; Matthew 28:19; Mark 1:9-11; Luke 1:35; John 5:21-23; 14:10, 16; Romans 8:9-11; 1 Corinthians 8:6; 2 Corinthians 13:14; Hebrews 1:8-10; James 2:19

THE FATHER

God is our Father: He is all-powerful, all knowing, omnipresent, unchanging, completely worthy of our trust, and above all, Holy. He is a loving, compassionate, and faithful Father to His people and fulfills all of His promises.

Exodus 3:14; Numbers 23:19; Leviticus 11:44-45; 19:2; Psalm 11:4-6; Malachi 3:6; John 3:16; 4:24; 5:26; 14:1; Acts 17:28; Romans 3:3-4

THE SON

Jesus Christ is completely human but, at the same time, completely God. He is the only begotten Son of God. He is the only plan for redemption of mankind. Through his death and resurrection we are now brought back into a right relationship with God. He lived a perfect life performing miracles and fulfilling Old Testament Prophecy revealing that he is our Messiah. He defeated death and in His resurrection we can eternal life.

Isaiah 7:14; 53; Matthew 1:18-23; 3:17; 8:29; 14:33; 16:16; 28:5-6; Luke 22:70; 24:46-47; John 1:1, 14; 10:30; 11:25-27; 17:1-5; Acts 1:9; 2:22-24; 7:55-56; Romans 1:3-4; 3:23-26; 8:1-3; 10:4; 1 Corinthians 8:6; 2 Corinthians 5:19-21; Gal 4:4-5; Philippians 2:5-11; Colossians 1:15; 2:9; 1 Timothy 2:5-6; 3:16

THE HOLY SPIRIT

The Holy Spirit's presence assures us of our relationship with Christ. He guides believers into all truth and exalts Christ. He convicts people of their sin, God's righteousness, and the coming judgment. He comforts us, gives us spiritual gifts, and makes us more like Christ. All believers receive the Holy Spirit at conversion however as subsequent Baptism of the Holy Spirit is necessary for effective ministry and the operation of His gifts within the "Body of Christ. Speaking with other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance is the initial evidence of the baptism of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit empowers believers with gifts for us to be a witness and to fulfill God's original purpose for man.

Genesis 1:2; Psalm 51:11; 139:7 ff.; Isaiah 61:1-3; Joel 2:28-32; Mark 1:10; Luke 1:35; 4:1; 11:13; 12:12; John 15:26; 16:7-14; Acts 1:8; 2:1-4; 13:2; Romans 8:9-11, 14-16, 26-27; 1 Corinthians 3:16; Ephesians 1:13-14; 2 Peter 1:21; 1 Corinthians 12; Revelation 22:17

ETERNITY/SALVATION

Man was created to exist forever. Man will exist either eternally separated from God by sin or in union with God through forgiveness and salvation. To be eternally separated from God is Hell. To be eternally in Union with the Father is Heaven. Both are places of eternal existence. Because, all have sinned and come short of the glory of God and repentance is commanded of God for all and necessary for forgiveness of sins. As believers, justification, regeneration, and the new birth are wrought by faith in the blood of Jesus Christ. Sanctification directly follows our new birth in Christ, through faith in the blood of Jesus, through the Word, and by the Holy Spirit. The blood of Jesus Christ, shed on the cross, provides the only way of salvation through the forgiveness of sin. Salvation occurs when people place their faith in the death and resurrection of Christ as sufficient payment for their sin. Salvation is a gift from God, and it cannot be earned through our own efforts. All who repent should be baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost through the immersion in water. This is an outward sign of the cleansing that has taken place through the blood of Jesus Christ.

John 3:16, 36; Romans 6:23; 1 John 2:25; 5:11-13; Revelation 20:15; Isaiah 1:18; 53:5-6; 55:7; Matthew 1:21; 27:22-66, 28:1-6; Luke 1:68-69; 2:28-32; John 1:12; 3:16, 36; 5:24; Acts 2:21; 4:12; 16:30-31; Romans 1:16-18; 3:23-25; 5:8-10; 6; 1 Corinthians 1:18; 2 Corinthians 5:17-20; Galatians 2:20; 3:13; Ephesians 2:8-10; Philippians 2:12-13; Hebrews 9:24-28; Revelation 3:20

MAN

Man is made in the image of God and is the supreme focus of His creation. Every human personality is uniquely created, possesses dignity, and is worthy of respect and Christian love. Man exists in 3 parts; namely the Human Spirit, Soul, and Physical Body. It is God's desire for man to be spiritually mature, to walk and live in divine health and to prosper materially.

Genesis 1:26-30; 2:7, 18-22; 3; Psalms 8:3-6; 32:1-5; 51:5; Isaiah 6:5; Jeremiah 17:5; Acts 17:26-31; Romans 1:19-32; 3:10-18, 23; 5:6; 6:6; 7:14-25; 1 Corinthians 1:21-31; 15:19, 21-22; Ephesians 2; Colossians 1:21-22; 3:9-11

THE KINGDOM OF GOD/HEAVEN

The Kingdom of God is a literal spiritual dimension. It is God's sovereign rule over all of his creation. The Kingdom of Heaven is God's rule, through man in the earth realm. God established his Kingdom in the Garden of Eden with Adam and Eve when giving them the "Dominion Mandate". Jesus came to the earth, manifesting the Kingdom again and established the church as the catalyst for his rule again in the earth. Jesus Christ shall again return to earth to complete the work of the Kingdom that is being continued through the church. The message of the Kingdom is a message focusing on spiritual empowerment that gives meaning, hope, dignity, and purpose to all humanity.

Matthew 3:2; Matthew 6:10; Matthew 18:3; Matthew 16:19

THE CHURCH

The Church is a God idea. It is not a religious institution; instead, it is the educational system of the Kingdom of Heaven. The church is a local community of baptized believers unified through faith in Christ. It is committed to the teachings of Christ and obeying all of His commands, and it seeks to bring the Gospel of the Kingdom to the world by fulfilling the Great Commission.

Matthew 16:18-19; 18:15-20; Acts 2:41-47; 5:11-14; 13:1-3; 14:23; 16:5; 20:28; 1 Corinthians 7:17; 9:13-14; 12; Ephesians 1:22-23; 2:19-22; 3:10-12; 5:22-32; Colossians 1:18; 3:15; 1 Timothy 4:14; 1 Peter 5:1-4; Revelation 21:2-3