

# OUR BELIEFS



## OUR ATTITUDE TOWARD OUR BELIEFS

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In *essential* beliefs, we have **UNITY**.

“Make every effort to keep yourselves united in the Spirit, binding yourselves together with peace. 4 For there is one body and one Spirit, just as you have been called to one glorious hope for the future.” [Ephesians 4:3-4 \(NLT\)](#)

In *non-essential* beliefs, we have **LIBERTY**.

“Accept other believers who are weak in faith, and don’t argue with them about what they think is right or wrong. ...So let’s stop condemning each other. Decide instead to live in such a way that you will not cause another believer to stumble and fall.” [Romans 14:1, 13 \(NLT\)](#)

In *all* our beliefs, we show **LOVE**.

“Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds us all together in perfect harmony.” [Colossians 3:14 \(NLT\)](#)

**The Essentials We Believe**  
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## THE ESSENTIALS WE BELIEVE

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**GOD** is the Creator and Ruler of the universe who exists eternally as a Trinity of three persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

[Genesis 1:1 26-27, 3:22](#), [Psalm 90:2](#),  
[1 Peter 1:2-3](#), [2 Corinthians 13:14](#)

**THE FATHER** is the first person of the Trinity who controls all things according to His purpose and for His glory. [Isaiah 64:8](#), [Matthew 6:9, 7:11](#), [John 1:12](#),  
[Romans 8:15-16](#)

**JESUS CHRIST** is the fully divine and fully human Son of God who lived a sinless life and offered Himself as the sacrifice for our sins by dying on a cross. He arose from the dead after three days, ascended to Heaven's glory and will return again to gather all who believe in Him. [Isaiah 9:6](#), [Matthew 1:22-23](#), [John 1:1-5, 14:10-30](#), [Romans 1:3-4](#), [Titus 2:13](#), [1 Timothy 6:14-15](#),  
[Hebrews 4:14-15](#), [1 Corinthians 15:3-4](#)

**THE HOLY SPIRIT** is present in every Christian convicting of sin, convincing of truth and conforming us to Christ's image. After regenerating a person, He provides spiritual gifts, power for living and guidance in doing right. [2 Corinthians 3:17](#), [Acts 1:8](#), [John 4:16-17, 16:7-13](#), [1 Corinthians 2:12, 3:16](#), [Ephesians 1:13, 5:18](#),  
[Galatians 5:25](#), [Philippians 2:13](#)

**HUMAN BEINGS** are created in the spiritual image of God, to be like Him in character, but are born with the fallen sin nature of Adam. Sin separates people from God and one another. [Genesis 1:27](#),  
[Psalm 8:3-6](#), [Isaiah 53:6a, 59:1-2](#), [Romans 3:23](#)

**THE BIBLE** is God's Word to us written by human authors, under the supernatural guidance of the Holy Spirit. The Bible is the basis for what we believe and the way we live. [2 Timothy 1:13, 3:16](#), [2 Peter 1:20-21](#),  
[Proverbs 30:5](#), [Psalm 12:6, 119:105, 160](#)

EXAMPLE: Marriage is the uniting of one man and one woman in an exclusive relationship; It is the only relationship appropriate for sexual intimacy.

[Genesis 2:18-25](#), [Matthew 19:4-6](#), [Romans 1:18-28](#),  
[1 Corinthians 6:12-20, 7:1-3](#)

**SALVATION** is God's free gift to us which we receive by trusting in Jesus Christ for forgiveness. We are born again by faith alone, not by any good works that we do. [Romans 5:1, 6:23](#), [Titus 3:5](#),  
[Ephesians 2:8-9](#), [Galatians 3:26](#), [John 14:16, 1:12](#)

**ETERNAL SECURITY** is sealed by faith in Jesus Christ who died for all of our sins – past, present and future. Once we have been born again we cannot lose our salvation. We did not earn our salvation through good works and we cannot lose it through bad ones. [John 10:29](#), [2 Timothy 1:12](#),  
[Hebrews 7:25, 10:10, 14](#), [1 Peter 1:3-5](#)

**ETERNITY** exists for all people- whether they live forever in God's presence in heaven or forever separated from Him in hell. [John 3:16, 4:17](#),  
[Romans 6:23, 8:17-18](#), [1 Corinthians 2:7-9](#),  
[Revelation 20:15](#)



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