

THINGS COMMONLY BELIEVED AMONG US

(The Bible is our all-sufficient rule for faith and practice. This statement of beliefs is intended simply as a basis of fellowship among us (ie. so that we all speak the same thing)

1. WE BELIEVE ... the Bible is the Inspired and only infallible and authoritative written Word of God and declares His design and plan for mankind.
2. WE BELIEVE ... there is only One True God, eternally existent in three Persons: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.
3. WE BELIEVE ... in the Deity of the Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His substitutionary death on the cross, in His bodily resurrection and in His ascension to the right hand of the Father.
4. WE BELIEVE ... humans were designed to be in relationship with God, but that sin entered the world through man's transgression which resulted in both physical death and spiritual death, which is separation from God.
5. WE BELIEVE ... the only means of being cleansed from sin is through repentance and the regenerating work of the Holy Spirit, by faith in the blood of Christ, and by accepting Christ as our personal Saviour.
6. WE BELIEVE ... that sanctification refers both to our position in Christ as being set apart for His service and to the ongoing process of dying to self which is achieved through wholehearted devotion to God and the work of the indwelling Holy Spirit.
7. WE BELIEVE ... in water baptism by immersion after salvation as a declaration to the world that depicts the believer's death with Christ and being raised with Him to walk in newness of life.
8. WE BELIEVE ... the baptism of the Holy Spirit is essential for empowering all believers for witnessing and effective service, just as in New Testament times.
9. WE BELIEVE ... 'The Church' is the Body of Christ, with Christ as the head and that each believer is called as part of the Body to be actively involved in worshipping God, in serving the church and in ministering to the world.
10. WE BELIEVE ... in a divinely called and scripturally ordained eldership team that serve together in shepherding the local Church.
11. WE BELIEVE ... in Communion (Breaking of Bread) as a symbolic remembrance of Christ's suffering and death for our salvation.
12. WE BELIEVE ... divine healing of the sick is provided for through Christ's redemptive work on the cross.
13. WE BELIEVE ... in the blessed hope, the rapture of the Church at Christ's coming.
14. WE BELIEVE ... in and look forward to the perfect New Heavens and a New Earth that Christ is preparing for all people, of all time, who have accepted Him.
15. WE BELIEVE ... in righteous judgement for all, eternal life for the believers and spiritual death for those who refuse Christ as Lord.
16. WE BELIEVE ... the Church has a divine mission to witness to unbelievers, so that through God's grace they too might be saved.