

# Our Basic Beliefs



## Jesus the True God

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### God's Essence

Spirit	.....	Jn 4:24
Self-existing	.....	Ex 3:14; Heb 7:3
Eternal	.....	Isa 40:28; 44:6
Transcendent	.....	Ps 113:4-6; 1 Kgs 8:27
Immanent	.....	Eph 1:23; 4:6; Acts 7:26-28

### God's Attributes

Omnipresent	.....	Ps 139:7-12
Omnipotent	.....	Mt 19:26; Jer 32:17, 27
Omniscient	.....	Heb 4:13; Ps 139:1-4
Holy	.....	Lev 11:44; Ps 99:5
Jealous	.....	Ex 34:14; Deut 4:24
Loving	.....	1 Jn 4:8, 16
Faithful	.....	Deut 7:9; 1 Cor 1:9
Just	.....	Deut 32:4; Ps 97:2
Merciful	.....	Ps 86:15; 145:8-9

### God's Role in Creation

Creator	.....	Gen 1:1; Heb 3:4; 11:3
Ruler	.....	2 Chr 20:6; Ps 95:3-7
Savior	.....	Jn 3:16-17
Judge	.....	Ps 96:13; Acts 17:31

### Divinity of the Lord Jesus

Creator	.....	Col 1:15-16; Heb 1:10
God's incarnation	.....	Jn 1:1,14; Col 2:9
God's name	.....	Jn 5:43; 17:11
<i>"Jesus" in Hebrew = the LORD our Savior</i>		
Only Savior	.....	Acts 4:10, 12
Risen Christ	.....	Rom 1:4; Acts 2:32-33
Judge	.....	Acts 10:42
King of kings	.....	Rev 17:14

## Holy Bible

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### A Book with Authority

God-breathed	.....	2 Tim 3:16; 2 Pet 1:20-21
Infallible	.....	Mt 5:18; Ps 19:7; 119:89
Living	.....	1 Jn 1:1-2; Heb 4:12

### How to Study the Bible

Read it	.....	Acts 17:11
Think about it	.....	Ps 1:2; 119:97
Do what it says	.....	Jas 1:22-25

### The Bible at Work

Directs our way	.....	Ps 119:105, 133
Examines our thoughts	.....	Heb 4:12
Transforms our lives	.....	2 Tim 3:16-17
Saves our soul	.....	Jn 5:39; Jas 1:21

## Church

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### Identity of the Church

Assembly of the redeemed	.....	Acts 20:28
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Body of Christ	.....	Eph 1:22-23; Col 1:24
Speaks of the word of Christ	.....	1 Tim 3:15; Eph 2:20
Has the Spirit of Christ	.....	Rom 8:9; 1 Cor 12:13
Manifests the power of Christ	.....	Mk 16:17-20; Heb 2:3-4; Acts 14:3
Expresses the nature of Christ	.....	Eph 4:11-16; Jn 8:31; 15:8; 13:35

### Name of the Church

Upholds God's name—Jesus	.....	Mt 18:20; Acts 4:10-12; Jn 17:11; Ex 20:24; 2 Chr 7:16
"True Jesus Church"	.....	1 Jn 5:20; Jn 15:1, 5; 17:3

### Mission of the Church

Proclaim the gospel	.....	Mt 28:19-20; Acts 1:8
Attend to members' needs	.....	Jn 21:15-17

## Baptism

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### Source of Cleansing

Blood of Jesus	.....	Rev 1:5; 1 Pet 1:18-19
Unity of blood, water, and Spirit	.....	1 Jn 5:6-8

### Effect of Baptism

Remission of sins	.....	Acts 2:38; 22:16
Regeneration	.....	Tit 3:5; Rom 6:3-4; Jn 3:5
Salvation	.....	Mk 16:16; 1 Pet 3:21
Divine sonship	.....	Gal 3:26-29

### Way of Baptism

The baptist		
Member of the true church	.....	Mt 16:18-19
Has received the Holy Spirit	.....	Jn 20:21-23
The candidate		
Believes	.....	Mt 16:16; Acts 18:8
Repents	.....	Acts 2:38
Method		
In the name of the Lord Jesus	.....	Acts 2:38; 10:48; 19:5
Head bowed	.....	Rom 6:5; cf Jn 19:30; Lk 18:13
Fully immersed	.....	Mk 1:9-10; Acts 8:38-39; cf Jn 3:23
<i>"Baptism" in Greek = immersion</i>		
In natural flowing water	.....	Jn 3:23; Zech 13:1; Mic 7:19
Once in a lifetime	.....	Heb 6:4-8; 10:26-31

## The Promised Holy Spirit

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### What is the Holy Spirit

The Spirit of God and Jesus Christ	.....	Rom 8:9
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### Works of the Holy Spirit on Believers

Justification	.....	1 Cor 6:11
Sanctification	.....	2 Thess 2:13; Rom 15:16
Testimony of sonship	.....	Rom 8:16
Revelation of the truth	.....	Jn 14:26; 16:13
Victory over sin	.....	Rom 8:2
Intercession	.....	Rom 8:26-27
Power from above	.....	Acts 1:8; Eph 3:16
Witness of Jesus' resurrection	.....	Acts 2:32-33

## Rebirth through the Holy Spirit

Receive the Holy Spirit.....	Acts 2:38
Speaking in tongues .....	Acts 10:45–46; 2:1–4; 19:6
Can be seen and heard .....	Acts 2:33; 8:18
Be renewed by the Spirit.....	Tit 3:5–6; Ezek 36:26–27
Walk by the Spirit.....	Gal 5:25; Rom 8:4–6

## How to Receive the Holy Spirit

Believe in God and His word .....	Gal 3:14; Eph 1:13; Mk 11:24
Repent and be baptized .....	Acts 2:38; Jn 9:31
Pray with importunity.....	Lk 11:8–13

## Footwashing

### Origin of the Footwashing

Commanded by the Lord Jesus .....	Jn 13:14–17
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### Effect of the Footwashing

Having a part with the Lord.....	Jn 13:8
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### Meaning of the Footwashing

Complete love.....	Jn 13:1
Purified life.....	Jn 13:10; Rom 6:11
Humble service.....	Jn 13:12–14; Mk 10:42–45

## Holy Communion

### Origin of the Holy Communion

Instituted by the Lord.....	Mt 26:26–29
Commanded by the Lord.....	Lk 22:19; 1 Cor 11:25

### Purpose and Effects of the Holy Communion

Remembering the Lord's death.....	1 Cor 11:24–26
Communion with Christ and His church .....	1 Cor 10:16–17
Life in the Lord Jesus.....	Jn 6:53
Resurrection on the last day.....	Jn 6:54

### Elements of the Holy Communion

Bread	
The Lord's body .....	Lk 22:19
One bread .....	1 Cor 10:16–17
Unleavened bread.....	1 Cor 5:6–8; cf Mt 16:5–12
Juice	
The Lord's blood .....	Mt 26:28
Grape juice.....	Mt 26:29; cf Lev 10:8–9

### Partaking of the Holy Communion

Baptism as a prerequisite.....	1 Cor 5:7–8; Ex 12:43, 45
Self-examination .....	1 Cor 11:27–29

## Sabbath Day

### Origin of the Sabbath

Divine institution.....	Gen 2:1–3
Divine command.....	Ex 16:23; 20:8–11
Divine covenant .....	Ezek 20:12, 19–21

### Universality of the Sabbath

Made for all humanity .....	Mk 2:27
Included in the Commandments .....	Ex 20:8–11
The Lord's day .....	Lev 19:3, 30; 26:2; Mt 12:8
Above race .....	Isa 56:6–7

### Sabbath Observance in the New Testament

By the Lord Jesus .....	Lk 4:16; 13:10; Mk 6:2
By the disciples.....	Lk 23:55–56

By the church.....	Acts 15:21
By the apostle Paul .....	Acts 13:13–14; 16:13; 17:1–2; 18:4

## The Way to Keep the Sabbath

Honor the day .....	Gen 2:3; Isa 58:13–14
Remember God's creation .....	Ex 20:11
Rest from worldly tasks .....	Ex 20:8–11
Receive God's word .....	Lk 4:16; Acts 13:44; 15:21
Perform good deeds.....	Mt 12:9–13; Lk 13:10–17
Look forward to the eternal rest .....	Heb 4:1, 9–11

## Way of Salvation

### Meaning of Salvation

Deliverance from Satan.....	Acts 26:18
Deliverance from sin .....	Mt 1:21
Deliverance from death.....	Jn 3:16
Deliverance into God's kingdom.....	2 Tim 4:18

### Need for Salvation

All have sinned .....	Rom 3:23
We cannot save ourselves .....	Rom 3:20

### The Savior

God through Jesus Christ .....	Acts 4:10–12
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### Path of Salvation

Believe .....	Acts 16:31; Jn 3:15–16
Repent .....	Acts 3:19; 2:38
Be baptized .....	Mk 16:16; 1 Pet 3:21
Receive the Holy Spirit.....	Jn 3:5; Tit 3:5–6
Obey the Commandments.....	Mt 7:21; 19:17

## Coming of Christ

### The Day of the Lord

Feared by the wicked and unrepentant.....	Rev 1:7; Mt 24:30
Longed for by the saved.....	Phil 3:20; Rev 22:20

### Prophecies in the New Testament

Foretold by Christ Himself.....	Mt 26:64; Lk 21:27
Foretold by angels.....	Acts 1:10–11
Foretold by the apostles.....	2 Pet 3:9–10; Heb 9:28
Time unknown.....	Mt 24:36; Lk 12:40; 1 Thess 5:2
Near at hand .....	Phil 4:5; Jas 5:8; Rev 22:7

### Purpose of the Second Coming

To receive the saved ones .....	1 Thess 4:16–17; Jn 14:1–3
To judge the wicked .....	Jude 14–15; Lk 12:45–48
To reward the righteous.....	Mt 25:34; Col 3:4
To establish His kingdom.....	Dan 7:13–14; Rev 11:15
To destroy all physical existence.....	2 Pet 3:10, 12; Heb 1:12
To create a new universe.....	2 Pet 3:13; Rev 21:1

### Preparing for the Second Coming

Accept the Lord.....	2 Thess 1:7–9; Isa 55:6–7
Obey the Lord.....	Mt 7:21–23
Preserve purity.....	1 Thess 5:23; 1 Tim 6:14
Keep watch .....	Mk 13:32–37; Lk 12:37–40
Congregate with other members.....	Heb 10:25
Be filled with the Spirit.....	Mt 25:1–13; 1 Jn 2:28
Be a faithful steward .....	Mt 25:14–30; Lk 12:42–44
Perform deeds of love.....	Mt 25:31–46; 1 Pet 4:7–8