

## OUR BELIEFS

We believe that the Bible is the inspired Word of God and that we embrace a Pentecostal experience. Our beliefs are as follows :-

**1. The Scriptures Inspired:** The Scriptures, both Old and New Testaments, are verbally inspired of God and are the revelation of God to man, the infallible authoritative rule of faith and conduct. (2 Timothy 3:15-17, 1 Thessalonians 2:3; 2 Peter 1:21}.

**2. The One True God:** The One True God has revealed Himself as the Eternally Self-Existent "I AM", The Creator of Heaven and Earth and the Redeemer of mankind. He has further revealed Himself as a Trinity embodying the principles of relationship and association as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. (Deuteronomy 6:4; Isaiah 43:10-11; Matthew 28:19; Luke 3:22).

**3. The Deity of the Lord Jesus Christ:** The Lord Jesus Christ is the Eternal Son of God. The Scriptures declares: -

- a) His virgin birth (Matthew 1:23; Luke 1:31, 35);
- b) His sinless life (Hebrews 7:26; 1 Peter 2:22);
- c) His miracles (Acts 2:22; 10:38);
- d) His substitutionary work on the cross (1 Corinthians 15:3, 2 Corinthians 5:21);
- e) His bodily resurrection from the dead (Matthew 28:6; Luke 24:39; 1 Corinthians 15:4); and
- f) His exaltation to the right hand of God (Acts 1:9, 11; 2:23; Philippians 2:9-11; Hebrews 1:3}.

**4. The Deity of the Holy Spirit:** The Holy Spirit is the Executive of the Godhead Working in every sphere, both physical and moral. Through the Spirit, God created and preserves the universe. Through the Spirit -

"The Finger of God" (Luke 11:20) - God works in the spiritual sphere, converting sinners and sanctifying and sustaining believers. The Holy Spirit deity is proved from the following facts. Divine attributes are ascribed to Him. He is Eternal, Omni-present, Omnipotent and Omniscient. (Hebrews 9:14; Psalm 139:7-10; Luke 1:35; 1 Corinthians 2:10, 11).

**5. The fall of Man:** Man was created good and upright, for God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness". However, man by voluntary transgression fell and thereby incurred not only physical death, but also spiritual death, which is separation from God (Genesis 1:26; 2:17; 3:6; Romans 5:12-19).

**6. The Salvation of Man:** Man's only hope of redemption is through the shed blood of Jesus Christ the Son of God:

(a) **Condition to Salvation** - Salvation is received through repentance before God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. By the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Ghost, being justified by grace through faith, man becomes an heir of God according to the hope of eternal life (Luke 24:47; John 3:3; Romans 10:13-15; Ephesians 2:8; Titus 2:11; 3:5-7).

(b) **The Evidence of Salvation** - The outward evidence to all men is a life of righteousness and true holiness (Ephesians 4:24; Titus 2:12). Inwardly, the believer has the assurance of the Holy Spirit that he/she belongs to Jesus (Romans 8:12-17; 1 John 5:13-15).

**7. The Ordinances of the Church:**

(a) **Baptism in Water** - The ordinance of baptism by immersion is commanded in the scriptures, All who repent and believe on Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord are to be baptized. Thus, they declare to the world that they have died with Christ and that they also have been raised with Him to walk in newness of life (Matthew 28:19; Mark 16:16; Acts 10:47, 48; Romans 6:4)