

## *We Believe*

**That God is the Creator and Sustainer** of all that is, and that He is loving and good. That the three Persons – God the Father, the Ancient of Days; Jesus Christ, the Son of God; and the Holy Spirit, the Comforter – are eternally one in character and purpose. John 1:1-3, 1 John 4:8, Matthew 28:19

**That God reveals Himself** in nature, history, the Bible, the witness of the Holy Spirit, the ministry of prophets, and especially through the life of Jesus Christ. Romans 1:20, 2 Timothy 3:16, John 14:26, 1 Peter 1:21, John 5:39

**That we were created “in the image of God,”** free to choose either to respond in faith and love to the truth about God, or to reject it. We are fully dependent upon God for our existence and salvation. Genesis 1:26, Joshua 24:15, Acts 17:28

**That our salvation comes through Jesus Christ** when we repent and freely accept Christ’s death on the cross as paying the penalty for our rebellion and sins. As we daily cooperate with the transforming power of the Holy Spirit, we enter into a personal faith-based relationship with Jesus for healing and restoration. This power comes through Christ’s present ministry in heaven and is evident in Christ-like interests and behavior. Acts 2:38, John 1:12, Ephesians 2:8-10, Hebrews 7:25

**That we are mortal** and that in death we sleep in the grave until the resurrection at the Second Coming of Christ. Then the gift of immortality will be given to all who have put their trust in Him, and that 1,000 years later, the wicked will be resurrected to receive their reward of eternal death. We are a “living soul”, body, soul, and spirit, and do not exist apart from our body. Genesis 2:7, John 11:12-14, John 5:28, 29, Revelation 20

**That our body is the temple of the Holy Spirit**, and it is to be treated with the respect due its Creator. The fullness of human life is achieved when, by the grace of God, we obey His physical, mental, and moral laws. 1 Corinthians 6:19 & 10:31, 3 John 1:2, John 10:10

**That the Ten Commandments** are grounded in love and are a revelation of God’s character. They are the explicit expression of His will for us and are His standard of judgment. Exodus 20, Romans 7:12, James 2:12, John 15:10

**That the Seventh-day Sabbath** was made and blessed by God as a symbol of His creative power and sovereignty. It has been designated as a sign of His redeeming and sanctifying power to be kept sacred by all who claim Him as Lord and Savior. Genesis 2:3, Ezekiel 20:12, Deuteronomy 5:12-15

**That God’s church** is the primary means by which He maintains His unity with us and we with each other. This involves defined membership, symbols of commitment in baptism by immersion, participation in the Lord’s supper, personal involvement in worship, study, witnessing, and financial support for her mission through returning of tithes and free will offerings. 1 Corinthians 12, 1 Peter 2:5-9, Hebrews 10:24, 25, John 17:20, 21

**That the redemptive process** will come to its climax at the end of time with the Second Coming of Christ, which is imminent, and will be completed when the whole creation is again in perfect harmony with the Creator. Titus 2:13, 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18, Revelation 22:20, John 14:1-3

**That the Three Angels’ Messages** of Revelation 14:6-12 constitute the last warning message to the world, reminding men of the character of God.