

The Bible

We believe the Bible is God's Word. It is true and, though written with human hands, is completely inspired by God. The Bible teaches us about our sin problem, our Savior in Christ, and how we can have a relationship with Him. It teaches us, corrects us, guides us and is the authority in the life of the church and the believer. (Romans 15:4; 2 Timothy 3:15-17; 1 Peter 1:25)

God is Triune

There is one God who is holy, righteous, sovereign, all-knowing, always present in every location, loving, gracious, and infallible. Triune means 3 in 1; therefore, there is one God that is seen in three persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Each member of the Trinity has their own role and function, yet they are completely and equally God. (Ephesians 1:3-14)

God the Father

God the Father is the Creator and created all things out of nothing for His own personal glory. He is sovereign meaning He sustains, governs, and rules over all things. His grace is demonstrated towards sinners in the death and resurrection of His only Son, Jesus Christ. His mission is seen throughout the entire Bible: to redeem mankind from sin through Jesus. He is faithful to His people and He keeps his promises. (Psalm 135:6; John 3:16; 8:58; Ephesians 3:9)

God the Son, Jesus Christ

Jesus Christ is completely human, but at the same time, He is completely God. He is no more one than He is the other. He was born of a virgin, conceived by the Holy Spirit. He lived a sinless life while He was on earth, died for the sins of mankind, and rose again after being dead for three days. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. All things were created by Him, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible. He is

before all things, and in Him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything He might be preeminent. In Him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through Him to reconcile to Himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of His cross. (John 1:1; Colossians 1:15-20)

God the Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit is Deity and possesses the same attributes that are present in Christ and God. He provides the significance of truth to the believer. He convicts the unbeliever of sin. The Holy Spirit is given to all believers at the moment of their salvation in Christ. The Spirit indwells, seals, and fills the believer. He also intercedes for the believer. (Acts 5:3-4; Romans 5:5; 1 Corinthians 2:12)

Man

Man (male and female) was created in the image of God. Man was the most amazing piece of His creation. God created man for His own glory. Being tempted by Satan, man disobeyed God's command and fell into sin. Since the Fall, mankind has inherited this original sin and has faced the eternal wrath of God due to their guilt. No matter how moral or ethical a person is, they are deserving of eternal damnation in hell and are separated from God. (Ephesians 2)

The Gospel

The Gospel is the good news that God was gracious towards fallen, sinful mankind by sending His only Son Jesus who lived a sinless life to die and rise again for these sins and provide reconciliation between man and his Creator. Without Jesus there is no Gospel. The Gospel is what saves man from their sins and is also what sustains the believer as they are being transformed into the image of Christ. Because the Gospel represents the work

of Christ, is the hope for a sinful world, and teaches the believer how to live more like Christ, it is the center of everything we do. (Titus 2:11-12)

Grace

Grace is the undeserving favor God shows towards all of mankind. This grace saves, forgives, grows, and provides enjoyment. God's grace is evident in everyone's life; whether believer or unbeliever. God's grace is ultimately seen in the Gospel and is also demonstrated to believer's as they are transformed and developing the mind of Christ. (Titus 2:11-12)

Salvation through the Gospel

The Gospel is the message God graciously saves sinners. Salvation occurs when a sinful person recognizes their sinful state, believes that only Christ can deliver them from their sin, and turns to Christ for forgiveness through faith. When a person is saved, God no longer sees them as guilty, but the righteousness of Christ is placed on them. The believer is forgiven, adopted into God's family, and is granted eternal life in Christ. God now sees the sinner as He sees His Son. Salvation is offered to all men, though not all men will accept this free gift from God. (Romans 3:23-26; 10:9-13)

Being a Disciple

A disciple is simply a person who follows Christ in a personal relationship having put their faith in Him. Disciples are to be zealous for good works that glorify God and are to grow in Christ as they mature in their faith. The one command that Christ gave all believers was to go and make disciples. Each disciple is to point others to Christ through evangelism and teach new believers through discipleship. The Holy Spirit is the one who empowers believers to live for Christ and to put off sin. (Matthew 28:18-20; Titus 2:14; 1 Peter 2:2)

The Church

The church is a local community of baptized believers that come together to learn from God's Word and live in community with each other as they are on mission to make more disciples. The church does not represent a building or location, but represents the people. Christ is the head of the church and has appointed pastors and elders to lead his church. Under the authority of Christ, the pastor leads and directs the church to fulfill the mission of God which is to make disciples. The church does not have their own mission, but God has a mission that he has given the church. (Romans 12:5; Ephesians 1:21-22; 3:1-12; 4:11-13)

Missions: Cross Cultural

Creation points to the Creator which leaves man without an excuse. Although creation is enough to condemn man it is his own sin that condemns him. While creation is enough for condemnation it is not enough for salvation. Jesus died in man's place to be his Savior but man can only be saved if he believes in Jesus' death, burial and resurrection. He can only believe in something if he has heard it. (This leaves the man in the middle of Ethiopia as a sinner condemned to an eternity in hell apart from God. Jesus died for his sins but he cannot believe in someone he has never heard of.) Therefore a personal verbal communication of the gospel is necessary for man to be saved by grace through faith. (Romans 1:20; 3:23; 6:23; 10:13-14&17)

Missions: Team

While there are many examples of missionary teams in the New Testament, Ecclesiastes points to the value of team. It speaks to a team being more profitable in their labor. Team members are also a source of edification, comfort and strength under persecution. (Acts 13:2&3; 15:40&41; 16:1-4; 18:18; 20:4&5; Ecclesiastes 4:9-12)

For the Glory of God

Everything we do is done for the glory of God. Our ministry is designed to make less of us, to make much of Christ and to bring full attention to the awesomeness of God. We do not strive to entertain or impress, but to worship a God who is very much deserving of our full attention and worship. We do all things for all people for God's glory. (John 3:30; 1 Corinthians 10:31)