

### Regarding the Bible

**We believe the Bible to be the inspired, the only infallible, authoritative Word of God revealing the love of God to the world.**

**1 Thessalonians 2:13;** *And we also thank God continually because, when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as a human word, but as it actually is, the word of God, which is indeed at work in you who believe.*

**2 Timothy 3:15-17;** *and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.<sup>16</sup> All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness,<sup>17</sup> so that the servant of God<sup>18</sup> may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.*

### What we believe about Jesus

**We believe in the deity of the Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious and atoning death through His shed blood on the cross, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and in His personal return in power and glory.**

**Matthew 1:23;** *"The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel" (which means "God with us").*

**John 1:1-4 and 1:29;** *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.<sup>2</sup> He was with God in the beginning.<sup>3</sup> Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made.<sup>4</sup> In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind.<sup>5</sup> The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.*

<sup>29</sup> *The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"*

**Acts 1:11;** *"Men of Galilee," they said, "why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven."*

**and 2:22-24;** *"Fellow Israelites, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know.<sup>23</sup> This man was handed over to you by God's deliberate plan and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross.<sup>24</sup> But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him.*

**Romans 8:34;** *Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us.*

**1 Corinthians 15:3-4;** *For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance<sup>1</sup>: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures,<sup>2</sup> that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures,*

**2 Corinthians 5:21;** *God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.*

**Philippians 2:5-11;** *In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:*

<sup>6</sup> *Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;* <sup>7</sup> *rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature<sup>ms</sup> of a servant, being made in human likeness.* <sup>8</sup> *And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross!* <sup>9</sup> *Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name,* <sup>10</sup> *that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,* <sup>11</sup> *and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*

**Hebrews 1:1-4;** *In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets at many times and in various ways,* <sup>2</sup> *but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom also he made the universe.* <sup>3</sup> *The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven.* <sup>4</sup> *So he became as much superior to the angels as the name he has inherited is superior to theirs.*

**and 4:15;** <sup>15</sup> *For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin.*

**John 3:16;** *For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.*

### **What we believe about sexuality**

**We believe God's plan for human sexuality is to be expressed only within the context of marriage, that God created man and woman as unique biological persons made to complete each other. God instituted monogamous marriage between male and female as the foundation of the family and the basic structure of human society. For this reason, we believe that marriage is exclusively the union of one genetic male and one genetic female.**

**Genesis 2:24;** *That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh.*

**Matthew 19:4-6;** *"Haven't you read," he replied, "that at the beginning the Creator 'made them male and female,'<sup>5</sup> and said, 'For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh?'<sup>6</sup> So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate."*

**Mark 10:6-9;** *"But at the beginning of creation God 'made them male and female.'<sup>7</sup> 'For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife,<sup>8</sup> and the two will become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one flesh.<sup>9</sup> Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate."*

**Romans 1:26-27;** *Because of this, God gave them over to shameful lusts. Even their women exchanged natural sexual relations for unnatural ones.<sup>27</sup> In the same way the men also abandoned natural relations with women and were inflamed with lust for one another. Men committed shameful acts with other men, and received in themselves the due penalty for their error.*

**1 Corinthians 6:9;** *Or do you not know that wrongdoers will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor men who have sex with men,*