



## FOUNDATIONS OF OUR FAITH:

- We believe and affirm the Apostles' Creed and the Nicene Creed.
- We believe in the authority of the Bible as the Word of God.
- We believe all Scripture is divinely inspired by God and is the unshakable foundation for sound doctrine (2 Timothy 3:16–17).
- We believe there is one God, who eternally exists in three persons—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit (Matthew 3:16–17, 2 Corinthians 13:14, Ephesians 4:4–6).
- We believe in the deity of the Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His power to heal, in His miracles, in His atoning death through His sacrifice on the cross, in His bodily resurrection, and in His ascension to the right hand of the Father as our High Priest and Mediator. We believe the Lord Jesus is coming back again just as He promised (John 14:2–3, Matthew 24:30).
- We believe water baptism is an outward expression of our faith that demonstrates a believer's identification with the death, burial, and resurrection of our Lord Jesus (Acts 8:12, Romans 6:4).
- We believe the Holy Spirit is our Comforter. He guides us in all areas of our lives (John 14:26 κJV).
- We believe in the baptism of the Holy Spirit with the evidence of praying in the Spirit (Acts 2:1–4).
- We believe in the nine gifts of the Spirit and nine attributes of the fruit of the Spirit (1 Corinthians. 12:7–11, Galatians. 5:22–23).
- We believe the good news that God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, Jesus, and whosoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved (John 3:16–17).
- We believe we are called to bring this good news to all nations (Acts 20:24).
- We believe Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life (John 14:6). He is the only way to eternal life in the Kingdom of God.
- We believe all who call on the name of the Lord Jesus shall be saved (Romans. 10:13). The Bible tells us, "If you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation" (Romans 10:9–10).

## VICTORY OVER SIN

- We believe sin separated us from a Holy God, and the penalty for sin is death. Romans 6:23 tells us, “The wages of sin is death.” The good news is that Romans 6:23 does not stop there. It goes on to say, “But the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.” In Christ, “we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace” (Ephesians 1:7). The Bible also tells us, “If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness” (1 John 1:9). Therefore, it is essential that when someone becomes a believer in Jesus Christ, they acknowledge their sins, recognize their need for the Savior, and make a personal decision to receive His complete forgiveness for all their sins.
- We believe that as born-again believers in Jesus Christ, we are called to live victoriously over the power of sin and to “walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God” (Colossians 1:10).
- We believe sin is always accompanied by destructive consequences. This is not the result of God’s punishment against believers but the destructive consequences of sin itself.
- We believe grace is a teacher who teaches true believers to deny ungodliness and worldly lust. The Bible is very clear in stating that “the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lust, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age” (Titus 2:11–12).
- We believe the good fruit of the gospel of grace will lead to victorious living over sin, beautiful marriages, strong families, genuine generosity, and born-again believers who reign in every area of their lives to the glory of God. Romans 5:17 tells us, “Much more those who receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.”
- We believe truly born-again believers are not looking for an excuse to sin. How can they if they have been impacted by Jesus’ love and sacrifice? We believe they are looking for a way out of sin and out of the prison of fear, guilt, and condemnation.

## TRANSFORMING POWER OF GRACE

- We believe that today, we are under the new covenant of grace. “For the law was given through Moses, but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ” (John 1:17). The old covenant of the law was given through a servant. Grace and truth came through the Son. The law talks about what man ought to be. Grace reveals who God is to man. In the first miracle of Moses, he turned water into blood, resulting in death. In the first miracle of grace, Jesus turned water into wine, resulting in life and celebration. The letter kills, but the Spirit gives life (2 Corinthians 3:6).

## TRANSFORMING POWER OF GRACE CONT.

- We believe that through the cross at Calvary, all who believe in Jesus and acknowledge Him as their Lord and Savior are under the new covenant of grace.
- We believe the Ten Commandments are holy, just, glorious, and good, and we have the utmost honor and esteem for the perfect law of God. We believe the Ten Commandments are so pristine in their standard, and so unbending in their holy requirements that, as Galatians 3:11 spells out, “no one is justified by the law in the sight of God.” Justification before God can only come by faith in Christ.

## TRUE REPENTANCE IN CHRIST

- We believe it is essential to understand the original meaning of the Greek word for repentance and not just its traditional meaning of doing outward penance. The Greek word for repentance is metanoia, which means “a change of mind.”
- Repentance that involves a genuine change of mind goes deeper than mere outward expressions of repentance. A person can appear outwardly remorseful and even cry bitter tears while still not experiencing a breakthrough over their sin. True repentance (metanoia) speaks of genuine contrition, a recognition of wrongdoing, and a real inward desire to turn away from sin and to return to grace by having a revelation of the cross (2 Corinthians 7:9–10) and a relationship with Christ Jesus.
- We believe one can only experience true repentance and break free from sin by having faith in the efficacy of our Lord Jesus's finished work.
- We believe “all Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness” (2 Timothy 3:16).

## OUR FATHER ALWAYS PROVIDES

- We believe our Heavenly Father's heart is to provide for His children just as we, who are earthly parents, desire to provide for our children. Our Lord Jesus expressed the Father's heart in the Sermon on the Mount when He said, “Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ For after all these things, the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things” (Matthew 6:31–32). However, while our heavenly Father desires for His children to be abundantly supplied and to experience good success (2 Corinthians 9:8, Joshua 1:8, Psalm. 1:1–3), He does not want His children to be consumed with materialism or obsessed with the pursuit of money (Ecclesiastes. 5:10, Matthew 6:24).

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- The apostle Paul makes it clear in his letter to Timothy when he writes, “Godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. And having food and clothing, with which we shall be content. But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation and a snare and into many foolish and harmful lusts that drown men in destruction and perdition. For the love of money is the root of all kinds of evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness and pierced themselves through many sorrows. But you, O man of God, flee these things and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, gentleness” (1 Timothy 6:6–11).
- We believe our priority is to seek our Lord Jesus first in all things and to make Him, not the pursuit of money and worldly success, the center of our lives. As we put our trust in Him, His blessings follow.
- We believe blessings, prosperity, and good success from the Lord are holistic and not simply material or financial, and they begin with soul prosperity (3 John 1:2).
- We believe people who are under grace have a spirit of generosity, giving freely of their time, energy, and financial resources to support, love, and care for the less fortunate.

## SIGNIFICANCE OF THE HOLY COMMUNION

- We believe the Holy Communion commemorates the Lord’s death, and we partake of the Holy Communion in remembrance of Him (1 Corinthians 11:24–25). The Holy Communion is also known as the Eucharist, from the Greek word eucharistia, which means “thanksgiving.” At the cross, “He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed” (Isaiah 53:5). When we remember and honor the Lord’s death through partaking of the holy Communion by faith, we are giving thanks and receiving afresh all that He has accomplished at the cross on our behalf, which includes health, wholeness, and peace.
- We believe in partaking of the Holy Communion corporately as the unified body of Christ.
- We believe every time we partake of the Holy Communion, whether in a corporate church service or from “house to house” like in the early church (Acts 2:46), we should examine ourselves to ensure we partake in a manner that is worthy of the Lord’s Supper. Partaking in a manner that is worthy means to partake in a revelation of His finished work, recognizing that we are not partaking of an ordinary meal but one that is holy and set apart. It means we are to partake with our faith centered on our Lord Jesus, always being conscious that as we partake of the bread, we remember His body was broken so that ours might be whole (1 Corinthians 11:24, Isaiah 53:5). And as we partake of the cup, we remember His blood was shed for the forgiveness and remission of all our sins (Matthew 26:28, Colossians 2:13).