

I believe in the triune God: The Father who is, Parent, Creator and the Son who is, Savior, Teacher, Friend, and the Holy Spirit who is, Blessed Presence, Inspirer. I believe that although the Trinity is three distinct persons, that God is one in essence and in spirit. I believe in the sovereign nature of God. That God created all that is and that God is also personal, and God cares for each and every person and thing in God's creation, every detail of the lives of God's children. God is infinite and eternal, all knowing and everywhere. I believe that God abhors sin but that God also loves God's children and is therefore forgiving, loving, and wants the best for us. I believe that God is a just judge, but that God is also merciful.

I believe that in God's mercy and grace God sent Jesus who is the Christ fully incarnate into a world filled with sin. I believe that Jesus is fully God, and fully man. I believe that Christ gave up the splendor of heaven to be born into human existence, and lived a sinless life even though He was tempted by the sin that plagues the world. Jesus performed miracles, healed the sick, and restored life. Even though He was guiltless and without sin, he suffered and died on the cross, in perfect obedience to His Father's will. Jesus rose from death, ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father, acting as intercessor for us with the Father. I believe that Jesus has prepared a place for us and will return as He promised in John 14.

I believe that the Holy Spirit proceeds from the Father and the Son, and that the Holy Spirit was given to the church at Pentecost. I believe that the Holy Spirit is the palpable presence of God, and that the Holy Spirit permeates our lives, giving us hearts for service and inspiring us to follow the will of God.

I believe that we are created in the image of God, with all of the dignity and freedom that this endows. I believe that I am, that we all are sinners, fallen from grace and sinful by nature, underserving of any good on our own merit. I believe that through the mercy of God, through the righteous life and atonement of Jesus and through the regenerative nature of the Holy Spirit that I am born again as a new creation, saved by the grace of God through faith alone. I have been justified, and reconciled through the work of Christ Jesus though I am a sinner. I have been accepted as a child of God, though my actions would suggest that I was an enemy of God. I am being shaped and molded more and more into the image of Christ. And I believe that I will be glorified, given a new body, and fitted for eternal life with Christ, my Lord and Savior.

I believe that the Bible is the inspired Word of God, given to us as revelation and truth, and that through the Holy Spirit, the Biblical text inspires us and guides us. I believe that the church is the Body of Christ acting upon Christ's command to love and serve.