



**THE SCRIPTURES** - All of the 66 books of the Bible were inspired by God and is essential for shaping our lives as we follow Jesus. *2 Timothy 3:16-17, Romans 10:17, John 17:17, Revelations 22:18, Hebrews 4:12-13*

**GOD** - There is one and only one true and living God, who presents himself as Father, Son and Holy Spirit in the the bible. He deserves our worship, love and service.

- God as FATHER reigns over His universe with all power, all love, and all wisdom. He is Father to all who accept God's kingship and forgiveness through faith in Jesus Christ. *Psalm 93:1-5, 1 John 3:20, Romans 8:28*
- Jesus is the eternal SON of God, born of the virgin Mary, completely sinless, yet died a criminal's death in our place to give us forgiveness and freedom. He returned to life and was seen by many witnesses, then ascended to heaven to sit at the right side of the God the Father. He will return to judge the world in power. *1 John 5:20, Luke 1:26-38, Philipians 2:8, Mark 16:19, 1 Timothy 2:5, Hebrews 9:28, Revelation 22:12*
- The HOLY SPIRIT is the Spirit of God. He lives in all believers and challenges, strengthens, comforts and gives powerful gifts of both practical, and supernatural abilities. *2 Corinthians 3:17, 2 Timothy 3:16, 1 Corinthians 2:10, John 16:13, John 16:14, John 16:8, John 3:6, John 14:26, 1 Corinthians 12:7-11, Galatians 5:22-23, Ephesians 1:13, Ephesians 4:13, Colossians 1:9-10, Acts 1:8*

**MANKIND** - Created by God in his own image to be fruitful and multiply, tend and subdue the earth. Made perfect, yet with the ability to choose mankind sinned and now is separated from God in our sin. *Genesis 1:26, Genesis 2:25, Deuteronomy 30:15, Romans 5:12, Genesis 3:7, Romans 5:18-19*

**SALVATION** - Jesus did everything required for our salvation through His death and resurrection. Once we accept His redemption and grace, we are adopted into the family of God. The old life ends and a new life in Jesus begins. As we submit our life to God each day he guides and brings us into line with His will and purpose, until such time as we are promoted to Glory or Jesus returns. Then those who are members of God's family will live with Him eternally, whereas those who aren't will be consigned to hell, separated from God's love and mercy forever. *1 John 2:17, John 3:15-16, John 5:22, Matt 25:26, Matt 24:36, Phil 3:21*

**THE CHURCH** - The local church is an element and expression of the whole Church across space and time. We gather to worship, study, learn, encourage, and then evangelise our community and out to the world. Its leadership is both characterized and empowered by God and made up of Elders who operate as Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Pastors and Teachers. Baptism marks the public pronouncement of faith and membership of the worldwide church; Communion is the family meal where we remember Jesus' sacrifice and look forward to His return *Eph 4:4-6+11, John 14:12, Eph 5:23b, Titus 1:5b-9, John 14:15, Matt 10:32-33, 1 Thess 1:10, 1 Cor 11:23-26*

#### LIFESTYLE

Christians are to live a life worthy of God, loving God with our hearts and attitudes, our minds in study and strength in service. We are to be peaceable, generous, willing to submit to Godly leadership, practically supportive of the church and those around us, especially the family of faith. We should be witnesses to Jesus' love and life as everything was, is and will be His so we are merely brief custodians. *2 Timothy 2:15, 1 Thessalonians 5:17, Romans 12:1, Colossians 3:13, 1 Peter 1:15-16, Matthew 5:14-16*