

Foundation of Faith

The Foundation of our Faith in the One True God, through Jesus Christ and the Proof of His Word, Truth and Rule.

Holy Bible

Both the Old and New Testament scriptures are inspired of God. They constitute the Holy Bible. They are the revelation of God and form the *foundation* of His plan and instruction for all mankind.

One True God

There is only *one* true living God, YHVH (Yaweh). He has revealed Himself as the eternally omniscient, omnipresent, omnipotent, great "I AM." He is the Creator of heaven and earth, and all that is therein. He is the Redeemer of mankind, revealed to believers as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

The Lord Jesus Christ

The Lord Jesus is the eternal Son of God, the promised Messiah or *Christ*.

Infallible Proofs

Born of a virgin, Jesus led a sinless life, performed miracles, preached the good news (gospel) of the Kingdom, offered His life on the cross as the final and perfect sacrifice for all mankind, rose from the dead, showed Himself alive by "many infallible *proofs*," and then ascended unto the Father.

The Word and Truth

Jesus is the Word of God and His words are *Truth*. Jesus declared, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me," (John 14:6). Man's only hope of redemption is through the shed blood of Jesus Christ, His bodily resurrection from the dead, and following ascension and glorification.

Rule & Reign

The works and words of Jesus have continued to this day through His Body, the Body of Christ, living under Jesus' *rule* as their unseen King now, and established to reign with Him in person when He returns.

The Fall of Man

Man was created good and upright and with free will, for God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness," (Genesis 1:26). Man made a voluntary decision to act independently of and sin against God, resulting in both physical death and spiritual death, constituting separation from God.

The Salvation of Man

Salvation itself is received through repentance (a turning away from sin and toward God), and through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Faith in Jesus is demonstrated by obedience to His commandment to be born again of (baptized

in) water and the Holy Spirit (John 3:5), and by continued application of His Word, walking in newness of life in honor of Jesus' name.

Water baptism is by full immersion, unto Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, in accordance with the Biblical definition, demonstration, and instruction. The Holy Spirit manifests Himself in both gifts (meaning extraordinary powers) and fruits. He is received as a whole and never in part, always with signs following, namely speaking in (other) tongues (spiritual languages), and even prophesying, as evidenced throughout the Book of Acts.

It is by the grace of God alone that salvation through His Son is *made available* through Jesus Christ to all mankind. It is a gift of God and not the result of works, "lest any man should boast," (Ephesians 2:9).

"And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him," (Hebrews 5:9).

The Church and its Mission

There is only one true Church (*ecclesia*), the Body of Christ, a corporate body in which mankind may worship God through His Son Jesus Christ. All believers are justified by faith (initial and continued) in Jesus Christ, and they are sanctified (set apart) for the purpose of God's work. Each believer, born of water and of the Spirit, is an integral part of the Body of Christ, tasked with perpetuating the ministry of Jesus Christ upon this Earth until His return.

The Ministry

A divinely called and scripturally ordained ministry has been provided by our Lord for the fourfold purpose of leading the Church in:

- Building a body of saints being perfected in the image of Jesus Christ, not conforming themselves to the ways of the world, but rather being transformed by a renewing of the mind through the power of the Holy Spirit and the washing of the Word.
- Evangelization of the world.
- Worship of God.
- Meeting human need with individual ministries based on love and compassion for the lost.

"...the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works," (Titus 2:13-14).

The Blessed Hope

The blessed hope is that every believer, born again, redeemed and delivered from death through water baptism and the power of the Holy Spirit as a result of Christ's death on the cross and subsequent resurrection, will eventually be united with Him in eternity.