# THE CORE Doctrine

A CHURCH IS SHAPED BY IT'S CORE VALUES AND BELIEFS. HERE IS WHAT WE BELIEVE AT THE CROSS:

#### GOD THE FATHER



We believe in one God, eternally existing in three persons (Father, Son and Holy Spirit) identical in essence, equal in power, and possessing the same attributes and perfections. They are, however, distinct in office and activity. (Deuteronomy 6:4, Matthew 28:19, 2 Corinthians 13:14)

# JESUS CHRIST



We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ, eternal Son of God, became man without ceasing to be God, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of a virgin, so that He might reveal God and redeem man. By living sinless, He accomplished our redemption by voluntarily substituting Himself as a sacrifice on the cross, thereby satisfying God's righteous judgments against sin. After substantiating redemption by bodily resurrection from the grave, He ascended to the right hand of His Father where He intercedes on behalf of those who trust Him. (John 1:1, 2, 14, 18, Luke 1:34-35, Romans 3:24-26, 8:34)

### HOLY SPIRIT



We believe that the Holy Spirit is the Divine Person, equal with the Father and the Son, who convicts the world of sin. He alone brings new life to the spiritually dead, baptizes (or places) believers into the one true Church (the Body of Christ), indwells them permanently, seals them for the day of redemption, grants them spiritual gifts, and fills (controls) those who yield to Him. (John 3:3-8, 16:7-11, 1 Corinthians 12:13, John 14:16-17, Ephesians 4:30, 1 Corinthians 12:7-11, Ephesians 5:18)

#### THE BIBLE



We believe both Old and New Testaments are the verbally inspired Word of God, written by men under God's control, inerrant and infallible in the original manuscripts and final authority in doctrine and life. (2 Timothy 3:15-17, 2 Peter 1:20-21, Psalm 19:7-9)

#### SALVATION



We believe salvation is the gift of God's grace. It's not gained by meritorious works, but freely given to all who repent and put faith in the finished work of Jesus Christ at Calvary. By trusting the Savior, we are forgiven of sins and born into the family of God by the regenerating work of the Holy Spirit. (Ephesians 2:8-9, 1:7, John 1:12)

#### MAN



We believe man was created in likeness of God, in innocence and without sin. In Adam's voluntary sin though, the race fell, inherited a sinful nature, and spiritually died. We became alienated from God and were incapable of remedying our depraved condition. (Genesis 1:26, 3:1-24, Romans 3:10-18, 5:12, Ephesians 2:1-3)

# CREATION



We believe God created the heavens and the earth, including all life, "each after its own kind," by direct act, and not by the process of evolution. (Genesis 1:1-2, Colossians 1:16-17)

# MARRIAGE/FAMILY



We are dedicated to defending the honor, dignity and value or marriage- between a husband and wife that pictures the union between Christ and His Bride, the Church. God made us intentionally male and intentionally female- each bringing unique and complementary qualities to sexuality and relationships. (Genesis 1:27; 2 Corinthians 11:2, Hebrews 13:4; Revelation 19:7,21:2, 9:22, 17)