## Who Christians Are

#### Believers in Jesus Christ (John 3:16)

Christians are those who have accepted the truth that we are sinners and guilty before God and our punishment when we stand before God is eternal judgment in the lake of fire. We cannot save ourselves, but Jesus the Son of God came to earth, bled, died, and rose again to take away the sins of the whole world. Those who call upon Jesus for deliverance are pardoned from their crimes against the Holy one and given everlasting life. They are the ones called believers in Jesus Christ

## Born Again (John 3:3)

Is what took place the moment you believed. Before Jesus came into your life you were dead spiritually. Now you are spiritually alive and we call that being born again. Just like physical birth, you are young and don't know to its full extent what has taken place. But you will.

# Children of God (John 1:12)

Those who have believed in the person and work of Jesus Christ, are adopted by the God of heaven and made a child of God.

You have a new family now – The Church – the family of God.

# Kings and Priests- of the future kingdom

When God returns he will set up a kingdom that will last forever. And we will live and reign in that Kingdom with Jesus for all eternity

#### What Christians Believe

**The Bible.** We believe the Bible to be the very words of God, and it is the sole authority by which the human race should live (faith and practice). (Psalm 12:6-7; Matthew 5:18; 2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:19-20; Psalm 119:89)

**The Godhead.** We believe in the one true God that exists in three persons: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit (which we call the trinity). These three are co-eternal in being and in nature with distinct personalities yet all one. (Deuteronomy 6:4; Genesis 1:1-2; 1 John 5:7)

The Lord Jesus Christ. We believe in the deity of the Lord Jesus Christ, that He was born of a virgin and conceived by the Holy Spirit. We believe that He lived a perfect and sinless life and that His purpose of birth was so that he could voluntarily shed His blood for the sins of the whole world. This was accomplished at Calvary. In addition to His death, we believe that Jesus Christ rose bodily from the grave three days later, and ascended up to heaven to sit at the right hand of the Father until the appointed time when He comes for His church. (John 1:1, 12, 14; 3:16; Matthew 28:5-6; I Thessalonians 4:13, 16-18)

The Person of the Holy Spirit. We believe that the Holy Spirit is the Comforter that was sent to convict the world of sin, righteousness, and judgment, and to reveal truth to all men. Through the work of the Holy Spirit men are led to Christ unto salvation, and it is the work of the Holy Spirit to seal the believer unto the day of redemption. (John 16:7-11; 14:16; Romans 8:14)

**The Creation of Man.** We believe God made the whole world and all that exists in 6 days. On the sixth day God made man in His own image.

The fall of mankind. God made man with a body, soul, and Spirit, and gave one rule, that they were not to eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. The day they ate they would die (spiritually). Not long after God gave this rule did the man eat and was spiritually dead and separated from God.

**Salvation.** We believe that the only way to go to heaven is by believing on the Lord Jesus Christ. You are saved by grace through faith – nothing else, no works, but by grace alone. We believe that salvation is the deliverance from the eternal judgment of the lake of fire. This deliverance is done by the <u>complete</u> and finished work of Christ at the cross where He shed His blood for the sins of the whole world and whosoever believeth in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life.

## What Christians Do

# **Evangelize**

Spread the Gospel of Jesus to the world.

We are called of God to tell others about the freedom we have in Jesus and the victory that took place at the Cross.

#### Read the Bible

Basic Instructions Before Leaving Earth

The Bible will teach us

Knowledge - where we came from, why we are here, and where we are going.

Character - understanding right from wrong.

Faith - the expression of unconditional love

# Pray

Prayer is our direct line to the throne of God. To talk with the KING and ask him anything a child might ask their father.

#### Go to Church

Gathering together with other believers is very important. Church helps us:

Grow in our faith.

Bring unity in the family

Direct our personal calling from God

# Learn & Live your Calling

Each believer has a calling on their life, and one of the adventures of Christianity is learning what the calling is and how to fulfill it. (Phil 3:14)