

# DOCTRINE

Doctrine = a principle or belief or position or the body of principles, beliefs or positions in a branch of knowledge or system of belief : DOGMA. It can also be said that Doctrine is something that is taught. Our focus is on doctrine we hold as Christians and as a Church.

Theological triage must be considered with doctrine as specific bodies of belief are critical to Christianity and others are Church Denomination Distinctive.

## **The Scriptures**

We believe in the authority and sufficiency of the holy Bible, consisting of the sixty-six books of the Old and New Testaments, as originally written; that it was verbally and plerarily inspired and is the product of Spirit-controlled men, and therefore is infallible and inerrant in all matters of which it speaks. We believe the Bible to be the supreme standard by which all human conduct, creed and opinions shall be tried (2 Timothy 3:16-17; 2 Peter 1:19-21).

## **The True God**

We believe there is one and only one living and true God, an infinite Spirit, the Maker and supreme Ruler of Heaven and earth; inexpressibly glorious in holiness, and worthy of all possible honor, confidence and love; that in the unity of the Godhead there are three persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, equal in every divine perfection and executing distinct but harmonious offices in the great work of redemption (Exodus 20:2-3; 1 Corinthians 8:6; Revelation 4:11).

## **The Holy Spirit**

We believe that the Holy Spirit is a divine person, equal with God the Father and God the Son and of the same nature; that He was active in the creation; that in His relation to the unbelieving world He restrains the evil one until God's purpose is fulfilled; that He convicts of sin, of righteousness and of judgment; that He bears witness to the truth of the gospel in preaching and testimony; that He is the Agent in the new birth; that He seals, endues, guides, teaches, witnesses, sanctifies and helps the believer (John 14:16-17; Matthew 28:19; Hebrews 9:14; John 14:26; Luke 1:35; Genesis 1:1-3; John 16:8-11; Acts 5:30-32; John 3:5-6; Ephesians 1:13-14; Mark 1:8; John 1:33; Acts 11:16; Luke 24:49; Romans 8:14,16,26-27; 1 Corinthians 12:8-10, 28-30; 3:8-10; 14:1-40; 2 Corinthians 12:12; Hebrews 2:2-4).

## **The Devil or Satan**

We believe in the reality and personality of Satan, the Devil; and that he was created by God as an angel but through pride and rebellion became the enemy of his Creator; that he became the unholy god of this age and the ruler of all the powers of darkness and is destined to the judgment of an eternal justice in the lake of fire (Matthew 4:1-11; 2 Corinthians 4:4; Revelation 20:10)