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# WHAT WE BELIEVE

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# WHAT IS MINISTRY?

- *“Any activity that glorifies or promotes the love of the Father expressed in and through the substitutionary sacrifice of Jesus Christ through his death, burial and resurrection for creation with the primary focus being mankind”*
- We are all ministers – 2 Corinthians 5:18 - 21



“A born-again citizen of the kingdom of God who has discovered their universal and personal purpose (*reason they were born*) and is serving their generation in the name of Jesus Christ.



- Hebrews 10:25 – “Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.”

# **ASSEMBLY AND CORPORATE WORSHIP**



A close-up photograph of two hands, one from a lighter-skinned person and one from a darker-skinned person, clasped together in a firm, interlocking grip. The hands are positioned centrally, with the fingers of one hand wrapped around the other. The background is a dark, textured surface, possibly a wall or a large piece of fabric, with a subtle grid-like pattern. The lighting is dramatic, highlighting the contours of the hands and the texture of the skin and clothing.

**WHAT WE BELIEVE**



**ID** EITY OF CHRIST

**O** RIGINAL SIN

**C** ANON OF SCRIPTURE

**T** RINITY

**R** ESURRECTION

**I** NCARNATION

**N** EW CREATION

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# **Christian Fundamentals**

## **Dream Big Leadership Church**



# DEITY OF CHRIST

- Jesus Christ is God the Son, the second person of the Trinity. On earth, Jesus was 100% God and 100% man. He is the only man ever to have lived a sinless life. He was born of a virgin, performed miracles, died on the cross for mankind, and thus atoned for our sins through the shedding of His blood. He rose from the dead on the third day according to the Scriptures, ascended to the right hand of the Father, and will return again in power and glory.





John 1:1-18

Colossians 1

Hebrews 1

Revelations 1

Deuteronomy 6:4



# DEITY OF CHRIST

## John 1:1

*“In the beginning was the Word”* – Jesus is ETERNALLY God. He has no beginning, and he has no end

*“And the Word was with God”* - Jesus is EQUALLY God. Hear o Israel the Lord our God is one Lord, Deuteronomy 6: 4. The word one Refers to a compound unity Like one people or one cluster of grapes. This one God is a compound unity Tri – unity.

*“And the Word was God”* – Jesus is ESSENTIALLY God

- Elohim – a word that speaks of three or more



# THE CLAIMS OF JESUS

- **Jesus claimed to be God in Word and Deed**
- Mark 14:61-62
- John 5:18, 20
- John 8:58,
- John 10:30-33





# THE CLAIMS OF JESUS

## Lived a sinless life

- John 8:46
- 2 Corinthians 5:21
- Hebrews 4:15
- 1 John 3:5
- 1 Peter 2:22



# THE CLAIMS OF JESUS

## **Manifested His Power Over Nature**

- Mark 4:39

## **Manifested His Power over Fallen Angels**

- Luke 4:35

## **Over Sickness**

- Mathew 4:23

## **Over Death Itself**

- John 4:50; 11:43-44





# ORIGIN OF SIN (ORIGINAL SIN)

- **Romans 3:23 – All have sinned**
- **Sin is not just murder, rape or robbery. Sin is a word that describes any thought word deed or state of being that fails to meet God's standards of holiness and perfection**
- **1 Corinthians 15:21-22 “For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.”**
- **Romans 5:12-21 – Jesus is the second Adam**



# CANON (THE BIBLE)

- 2 Timothy 3:16 – “All scripture is given by inspiration of God and is profitable for **doctrine** (what’s right), for **reproof** (not right), for **correction** (make things right), for **instruction** in righteousness”
- The Hebrew Scriptures along with the Greek New Testament are divine rather than merely human in origin. Together, they constitute the entire Christian “**canon**” (meaning “standard of measurement”)





# EXTRA BIBLICAL BOOKS

- Gnostic books - In 1 Corinthians 15 Paul reiterates a Christian creed that can be traced to within three to eight years of Christ's crucifixion. The gnostic (created a different version of Jesus – opposite of Orthodox Christianity) gospels are dated long after the first century.
- Apocrypha Books



# CANON

- How can I know the books are authoritative and not just historical?

## **Eyewitness Testimony**

- Divine authorship of the Bible is confirmed through the eyewitness credentials of its authors. John writes, “That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched-this we proclaim concerning the word of life.” ) 1 John 1:1. Likewise Peter reminded his readers that the disciples “did not follow cleverly invented stories,” but “were eyewitnesses of [Jesus] majesty (2 Peter 1:16)



# CANON

## Embarrassing Details

- Jesus had disciples that did not believe him
- He used women to corroborate his story at the tomb

## Extra-Biblical evidence

- Secular historians confirm the events, people, places, and customs chronicled in Scripture. The birth of Jesus is the most documented birth in history by historians





# DIVINE AUTHORITY

- **M**anuscript Evidence – the word has been preserved through thousands of manuscripts. It has been virtually unaltered since the original writings.
- **A**rchaeological Evidence – Secular scholars have to continuously change their criticism when new evidence is found
- **P**redictive Prophecy – the Bible records predictions of events that could not be known or predicted.
- **S**criptural Synergy – 66 books written by forty different human authors in three different languages over a period of 15,000 years with consistency.



# TRINITY

## Overarching Truths

- 1. There is only one God
- 2. There are hundreds of Scripture passages the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit are each declared to be fully and completely God
- 3. The Father, Son and the Holy Spirit are eternally distinct
- When we speak of God we are speaking of the nature or essence of God
- When we speak of Persons, we are referring to personal self-distinctions within the Godhead.
- In other words, we believe in one **What** and three **Who's**.



# SCRIPTURES TESTIFYING TO THE TRINITY

- 1 John 5:7,8 – “For there are three that bear record in heaven the *Father*, the *Word* and the *Holy Ghost* and these three are one.”
- 2 Corinthians 13:14 – “May the grace of the Lord *Jesus Christ* and the love of *God* and the fellowship of the *Holy Spirit* be with you all.”
- Matthew 28:19 – “Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the *Father* and of the *Son* and of the *Holy Spirit*.”





# WHY DO WE BELIEVE IN ONE GOD?

- **D**euteronomy 6:4 contains the most significant prayer (Hebrew Shema) of the Old Testament: “*Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one*”
- **I**saiah 43:10 – God called ancient Israel to “know,” “believe” and “understand” this basic reality: “*Before me no god was formed, nor will there be one after me*”
- **E**phesians 4:6 in the New Testament is equally emphatic: “*There is one God and Father of all who is over all and through all and in all.*”



# ALL 3 PERSONS ARE GOD

- The **Father** – Ephesians 1:3, 1 Peter 1:3, 2 Corinthians 1:3
- The **Son** – First chapter of John, Colossians, Hebrews and Revelation
- The **Spirit**
  - Acts 5:4 – “You have not lied to men but to God”
  - 2 Corinthians 3:17 – “Now the Lord is that Spirit and where the Spirit of the Lord is there is liberty
  - 1 Timothy 4:1 – “Now the spirit speaketh expressly that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils.”
  - Supplementary passages such as 139.



# 3 PERSONS BUT DISTINCT FROM ONE ANOTHER

- **A**nnunciation: The angel said to Mary: “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God” - Luke 1:35
- **B**aptism: As Jesus was being baptized, the Holy Spirit descended on Him in bodily form and the Father spoke from heaven (Luke 22:32)
- **C**ommission: In the Great Commission, Jesus instructed His disciples to be baptized believers, “in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit (Matthew 28:19)





# RESURRECTION

- The fact of Jesus' resurrection is the cornerstone of Christian faith because it not only vindicates Jesus claim to deity, it ensures the future bodily resurrection unto eternal life of all who believe in Jesus Christ as their Savior and proclaim Him as Lord.
- 1 Corinthians 15:17-19
- 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18



# WHY WE BELIEVE THE RESURRECTION

- **F**atal Torment – this one of the most well-established facts of ancient history. A majority of liberal and conservative agree that
  - 1. Jesus died on the cross
  - 2. He was buried in the tomb of Joseph of Arimathea
  - 3. His death drove his disciples to despair
- **E**mpy Tomb – Christianity could not have survived an identifiable tomb containing the corpse of Jesus (Matthew 28:11-13)



# WHY WE BELIEVE THE RESURRECTION

- **A**ppearances – He appeared to more than 500 people who could have been cross-examined (1 Corinthians 15:6)
- **T**ransformation – in the span of a few hundred years a band of seemingly insignificant believers turned the world upside down.



# INCARNATION

- John 1:14, Philippians 2:6-11
- Because God created man in His own image the essential properties of human nature (rationality, will, moral character, etc.) are not inconsistent with a divine nature. The notion of God becoming a fish or cow would not make sense.
- While Christ became fully human, he is also divine
  - Omniscience
  - Omnipotence
  - Omnipresence
- Though he took on essential qualities he did not take on non-essential properties of human nature (e.g., sinful inclinations) (Hebrews 4:15)





# NEW CREATION

- We are saved by grace through faith in Jesus Christ: His death, burial, and resurrection. Salvation is a gift from God, not a result of our good works or of any human efforts.
- Ephesians 2:8-9
- Romans 10:9



# NEW CREATION

- All who believe in the Resurrection of Jesus Christ and confess Him as Lord are reconciled to God and inherit eternal life in his glorious presence. (2 Corinthians 5:17)
- What becomes new:
  - Spirit (the invisible part that is spirit) – it is justified and become new
  - Soul (mind, will, imagination, emotions and intellect) – it is sanctified and works on being renewed
  - Body (flesh) – it will one day be glorified (1 Corinthians 15:53)



# ESCHATOLOGY (END TIMES)

- Jesus Christ will physically and visibly return to earth for the second time to establish His Kingdom. This will occur at a date undisclosed by the Scriptures.
- Matthew 24:30, 26:63-64;
- Acts 1:9-11;
- I Thessalonians 4:15-17;
- II Thessalonians 1:7-8;
- Revelation 1:7



# **WATER BAPTISM**

- Following faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, the new convert is commanded by the Word of God to be baptized in water in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit as an outward expression of an inner transformation.
- Matthew 28:19
- Acts 2:38





# FREEWILL OFFERINGS

- 2 Corinthians 9:7 - *“Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.”*
- 2 Corinthians 9:7 (AMP) – *“Let each one give [thoughtfully and with purpose] just as he has decided in his heart, not grudgingly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver [and delights in the one whose heart is in his gift].”*



# FREEWILL OFFERINGS

- 1) “**ACCORDING TO THEIR MEANS.**” Giving is proportionate, God sets no fixed amount or percentage and expects His people to give based on what they have (Luke 6:38; 1 Cor. 16:2)
- 2) “**BEYOND THEIR MEANS**” Giving is sacrificial. God’s people are to give according to what they have, yet it must be in proportions that are sacrificial (cf. Matt. 6:25-34; Mark 12:41-44; Phil. 4:19)
- 3) “**THEIR OWN ACCORD**” Literally translated as, “one who chooses his own course of action.” Giving is voluntary, God’s people are NOT to give out of COMPULSION
- **We have moved from a DEBT you OWE to a SEED you SOW!!**



# MALE AND FEMALE MINISTERS

- Galatians 3:28 – *“There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus.”*
- Anna the Prophetess – Luke 2:36
- Phoebe the Deacon – Romans 16:1
- Junia the apostle – Romans 16:7
- Acts 18 – Priscilla teaches Apollos (a learned man with a thorough knowledge of scripture)
- Deborah the Judge and Prophet – Judges 5:7
- ...and many more

**“If women really had to be silent in church there would be no church”**

