



## What We Believe

- **We, as** evangelical Christians, accept the Revelation of the only God in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit as it is written in the Word of God (the Bible), in the Old and the New Testament. We believe the historical fact of the Gospel that is proclaimed in the whole Bible. We affirm, therefore, the doctrines that we considered decisive which must be expressed in love, in practical Christian service and in the proclamation of the Gospel:

1. - **GOD** There is only one God, creator of the universe, one in essence, existing eternally in three people: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Being the true living, perfect God, in love and justice.

Biblical references: II Co. 13:14; Gn. 1:26; I Tim. 1:17; Isa. 43:10.

2. - The **BIBLE** is an essential and trustworthy part of the divine revelation. It is the inspired Word of God. It is the only infallible guide for the Christian faith and life.

Biblical references: Psal. 119:89; Mat. 24:35; II Tim. 3:16 - 17; II Pet. 1:19 - 21.

3. - The **FALL OF MAN**. God created the universe from nothing, by his Word and for his glory. Man and woman, the crown of His creation, were made in the image of God to have fellowship with Him. In the beginning they were tempted by Satan. They transgressed the law of God voluntarily, with the result of spiritual and physical death. For this reason, all men are born with a sinful nature and since when they are able to reason, they will suffer spiritual death.

Biblical references: Gn.14: 19; Col. 1:16 - 17; Gn.1: 27; Rm. 3:10 and 23, 5:12, 6:23.

4. - **JESUS CHRIST**. **He is** the only mediator between God and man. The eternal Son of God, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born from the Virgin Mary. In His incarnation, the divine Word shared our total humanity and lived in perfect obedience to the Father. By his death he paid the atonement for all men. Christ revealed the divine love, and fulfilled the divine justice, cleaning our sins and reconciling us with God if we believe in Him. Jesus Christ rose corporally from the death, ascended to heaven, and is seated down at the right hand of the Father, where he is interceding for the saints before the throne of God.

Biblical references: Acts.4: 12; Isa.53: 5; Tit 2: 14; II P.3: 9; Heb.7: 25; Rm.8: 34; Phil.2: 6-11; Jn. 1:1 - 3.

5. – **SALVATION**. Man cannot save himself; salvation is by the grace of God, believing in Jesus Christ as the only Lord and Saviour. The Holy Spirit renews our heart, persuading us to repent from our sins and confess that Christ is Lord. Therefore we are justified by the faith in Christ and have the gift of the eternal life.

Biblical references: Eph. 2:8 - 9; Jn. 3:3; II Co. 5:17; Jn. 16:8.

6. - The **CHRISTIAN LIFE** God adopts us in his family and enables us to call him Father. Guided by the Holy Spirit, we grow in the knowledge of God. We obey his orders and live in a way that the world can see our good works and glorify our Father who is in heaven.

Biblical references: Rm. 8:15; Col. 1:9 - 11; Eph. 2:10; II Co. 7:1; I Ts. 3:13, 4:7, 5:23.

7.-**THE CHURCH** God, by his Spirit and Word, has created the Church, calling people of any culture and time to have fellowship in the Body of Christ by the redemption through the blood of His Son. The Holy Spirit gives gifts to the believers for the building of the Body in order to serve the saints. The Church is created to adore God and to serve him. The Church has been commissioned to proclaiming the good news and to make disciples to all the nations. Biblical references: Acts. 2:4; Eph.2:13-14; Ro. 12:4-8; the 1Co. 12:4-31; Mt. 28:19-20.

8. - The **HOLY SPIRIT** The baptism in the Holy Spirit is a divine, present work, apart from the conversion, so that the believer receives the necessary power to live a holy life, being a testimony to everybody around.

Biblical references: Joel 2:28; Acts. 1:8, 2:4, 2:38 - 39, 4:31, 19:6; Eph. 5:18.

9. – **HEALING** -Healing, like salvation, was bought by Jesus Christ in his redemption, and it is granted according to the will of God in response to prayer.

Biblical references: Isa. 53:4 - 5; Mat. 8:16, 17; Jam. 5:14 - 16; Acts. 3:16; I Co. 12:9.

10.-**THE SECOND COMING OF CHRIST**. The redemption plan of God will be complete in the literal return of Christ. He will raise people from the death, will judge all according to their works, and will establish his glorious kingdom. The unbelievers will be separated from his presence, and the redeemed ones, in glorified bodies, will reign with Him forever. Then the whole creation will be restored to fulfil the glory of God, who has made everything new.

Biblical references: 1 Ts .4:16, 17; Mt. 24:29-31, 44; 2 Ts. 2:1-12; Jn. 5:28, 29; Rev. 20:1-6, 11-15, 21:1.