

New Berean Baptist Church

“Committed to The Commission Of Christ”

What We Believe

Acts 17:11, *“these were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so.”*

This is why we are called New Bereans.

At New Berean, the foundation of this faith ministry is in the emphasis on the scriptures, the Holy Bible - the truth. It is the basis and foundation of the believer's faith (Rom 10:17 - *“faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God”*). We accept Acts 17:11 as the basis for our mindset and therefore we believe...

The Bible - The Scriptures of the Old and New Testament of the Bible are the inspired record of God's revelatory actions in human history and is the authoritative basis for its doctrine and practice. It is the inspired Word of God, authoritative and without error in the original manuscripts (2 Tim 3:16). The Scriptures of both the Old and New Testaments are designed for the practical instruction in faith and conduct of every Christian.

God – We believe there is only one living God existing in three persons - the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. These three persons are the Triune Godhead of one essence having the same nature, perfection and attributes. (1 Tim 2:5)

The Father – The Supreme originator, creator and sustainer of all that exists (1Cor 8:6). The Sovereign God who is self-eternal (Ps 86:8), omniscient (1 Jn 3:20), omnipresent (Ps 139:7), and omnipotent (1 Chr 29:11-12).

The Holy Spirit - We believe the Holy Spirit is the third person of the Trinity, very God, co-eternal and co-existent with God the Father and His Son, Jesus Christ (1 Cor 2:11). The Holy Spirit is the chief agent in regeneration of the soul, the chief convicter of sin, and the chief comforter, who baptizes the believer into the body of Christ. For the believer, He permanently indwells them (Rom 8:9, Eph 1:13), seals them in salvation for all eternity and fills those yielded to Him to perform work and service for God.

Lord Jesus Christ - We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ is the eternal Son of God, came into the world that He might manifest God to men, fulfill prophecy, and become

the Redeemer of a lost world (Jn 1:1-13). To this end, He was born of the Virgin Mary, received a human body and a sinless human nature without ceasing to be God.

- We believe that, in the infinite love for the lost, He voluntarily accepted His Father's will and became the divinely provided sacrificial Lamb and took away the sins of the world.

- We believe that he rose from the dead in the same body, though glorified, in which He had lived and died, and that His resurrected body is the pattern of the glorified body, which ultimately will be given to all believers.

- We believe that, on departing from the earth, he was accepted by His Father and that his Father's acceptance is a final assurance to us that Christ's redeeming work was perfectly accomplished.

- We believe that He became the Head over all things to the Church, which is His body, and in this ministry He does not cease to intercede and to be an advocate for the saved.

Creation- We believe the Triune Godhead created the universe apart from any pre-existing materials or through any evolutionary process (Gen 1).

Man - We believe that man (mankind) is the direct creation of God. God literally formed the first human being, Adam and made the first woman from that man (Acts 17:26). As a result, the entire human race descends from these two creations of God.

Satan- We believe that Satan, the devil is the chief adversary of God and all that represents for God, created by God, rebelled against God in his heart, became depraved as God judged (Is 14:14), and defeated him by means of the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead and sentenced him to an eternal damnation.

The Local Church - We believe the Lord Jesus established an institution to fulfill the mission He started (Matt 16:18). The New Testament church body (1 Cor 12:12) is made up of people who are born-again believers, water baptized and commissioned to follow his commandment to make disciples throughout the whole world (Matt 28:18-20).

Church Ordinances - Jesus Christ instituted two ordinances for the local churches to continue in – Baptizing believers of Christ, which is the public witness to beginning the new life in Christ (Matt 28:19) and participating in communion which is in remembrance of his sacrificial death (1 Cor 11:23) and subsequent resurrection (Luke 24:6).

Salvation - We believe salvation is the end result of a person accepting the truth of God's word as it relates to their sinful condition (Rom 3:10, 23 & 5:12) and God extending his grace of reconciliation (Rom 5:8). Salvation is the redemption, regeneration, sanctification, and glorification of one who is saved (Rom 8:28-30). We believe that salvation is wholly by the grace of God, not to be merited and is eternally secure (Eph 2:8-10)

