

- WHAT WE BELIEVE -
Waterman Bible Church

1. **Scripture:** We believe in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments as verbally inspired by God and inerrant in the original writing, and that they are of supreme and final authority in faith and life. (II Timothy 3:16; II Peter 1:19-21; I Thessalonians 2:13)
2. **The Godhead:** We believe in the one triune God, eternally existing, in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – coeternal in power and glory, and having the same attributes and perfections (Deuteronomy 6:4; Matthew 28:19; II Corinthians 13:14)
3. **Person and Work of the Holy Spirit:** We believe the Holy Spirit is a person who convicts the world of sin and regenerates, indwells, and enlightens and empowers the saved. (John 16:8-13; I Corinthians 3:16; Ephesians 1:13-14)
4. **Person and Work of Christ:**
 - We believe that Jesus Christ is the eternal Son of God, that He was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, and is true God and true Man. (John 1:2, 14; Luke 1:35)
 - We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, as a representative and substitutionary sacrifice and that our justification is made sure by His literal, physical resurrection from the dead. (I Corinthians 15:3-4; I Peter 2:24; Ephesians 1:7; Romans 4:25)
 - We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ ascended to Heaven, where He is now exalted at the right hand of God, and ministers as our High Priest and Intercessor.
 - We believe in that "blessed hope": the personal, imminent, pre-tribulational, and pre-millennial coming of the Lord Jesus Christ for redeemed ones, and in His subsequent return to the earth with His saints to establish His Millennial Kingdom. (I Thessalonians 4:13-18; Zechariah 14:4-11; Revelation 19:11-16; 20:1-6; 3:10)
5. **Depravity:** We believe that man was created in the image of God, that he sinned and thereby incurred not only physical death, but also spiritual death which is separation from God; and that all human beings are born with sinful nature, and are sinners in thought, word, and deed. (Genesis 1:26-27; Romans 3:23; 5:12; Ephesians 2:1-3)
6. **Salvation:** We believe that eternal salvation is the gift of God and that all who receive the Lord Jesus Christ by faith alone are born again of the Holy Spirit, and thereby become children of God. (John 3:3-5; Ephesians 2:8-10)
7. **Eternal Security:**
 - We believe that all true believers are saved with an eternal salvation, are kept by God's power, and are thus secure in Christ forever. (John 6:37-39; 10:28; Romans 8:38-39; I Corinthians 1:4-8; Philippians 1:6)
 - We believe that the true believer is responsible to live a godly, consistent Christian life; and that the evidence of saving faith is manifested in a true desire to live in a manner that is pleasing to God. (Romans 8:5-9; Galatians 5:16-25)
8. **Two Natures:** We believe that those born again possess two natures and that they may be victorious over the old through the power of the Holy Spirit, but that eradication of the old is unscriptural. (Ephesians 4:22-24; Romans 8:12-13)
9. **Spiritual Gifts:**
 - We believe that God is sovereign in the bestowment of all His gifts; and the gifts of ministry are: evangelists, pastors and teachers. Other gifts of motive of a Christian are: preaching, serving, teaching, exhorting, giving, administration, and showing mercy. (Ephesians 4:11-12; Romans 12:6-8)
 - We believe that some of the gifts of the Spirit were sign gifts and of a temporary nature. We believe the gifts of Speaking in Tongues, Healing, and the working of Sign Miracles gradually ceased because they were no longer necessary as the Word of God was completed and its authority became established. (I Corinthians 14:22; 13:8-12; Hebrews 2:3-4)
 - We believe that God does hear and answer the prayer of faith, in accord with His own will, for the sick and afflicted. (John 15:7; I John 5:14-15)
10. **Separation:** We believe that all the saved should live in such a manner as not to bring reproach upon their Savior and Lord; and that separation from all worldly and sinful pleasures and practices is commanded by God. We further believe that the Scripture plainly teaches that "those born again" should

not marry or have other entangling alliances with unbelievers. (Romans 12:12; 14:13; I John 2:15-17; II Corinthians 6:14; 7:1; II Timothy 3:1-5)

11. Church:

- We believe that the Church is an elect company of believers baptized by the Holy Spirit into one body; its mission is to witness concerning its head, Christ Jesus, preaching the Gospel among the nations. (I Corinthians 12:12-13; Colossians 1:18; Matthew 28:19-20)
- We believe that the establishment and continuance of the local churches is clearly taught and defined in the New Testament Scriptures. (Acts 14:27; Galatians 1:22; Titus 1:5-11)

12. Ordinances: We believe that the ordinances of water baptism by immersion and the Lord's Supper to be scriptural and therefore proper methods of testimony for the Church in this age. (Matthew 28:19-20; Acts 2:41-42; 18:18; I Corinthians 11:23-26)

13. Second Coming: We believe in that "blessed hope": the personal, imminent, pre-tribulational, and pre-millennial coming of our Lord and Savior. (Revelation 20:4-6; I Thessalonians 4:13-18; Acts 1:11; I Thessalonians 1:10; 5:9; Revelation 3:10)

14. Eternal State: We believe in the bodily resurrection of the just and the unjust, the everlasting, conscious blessedness of the saved and the everlasting, conscious punishment of the lost. (John 5:28-29; Matthew 25:46; Revelation 20:11-15; II Corinthians 5:8; Philippians 1:23)