

WHAT WE BELIEVE AND WHY!

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1. The Scriptures

We believe that The Holy Bible in the original manuscripts was written by verbal and plenary inspiration--the product of Spirit-controlled men and is inerrant. We believe The Bible is the complete, final, and authoritative revelation of The God's will and Word, and therefore the absolute authority for Christian union and the supreme standard by which all human conducts, creeds, and opinions shall be tried. It is The Written Word of The God that must not be altered and must be interpreted in the light of all Scripture (2 Tim. 3:16,17; 2 Pet. 1:19-21; Ps. 33:4; 119:140,160; Prov. 30:5,6; Deut. 4:2; Eccl. 3:14; Rev. 22:18,19; 1 Thes. 2:13; Ex. 20:1; 2 Sam. 23:2; 1 Cor. 2:9-16).

2. The True God

We believe that there is only One Living and True God, The Maker and Supreme Ruler of Heaven and Earth, inexpressibly glorious in holiness, and worthy of all possible honor, confidence, and love; and is composed of three personalities--Father, Son, and Holy Spirit--called The Godhead, each having the same nature and attributes, equal in divine perfection, and executing distinct but harmonious offices in the great works of original creation, redemption and regeneration. We believe that The God is revealed to us in the person of our Lord Jesus Christ (Isa. 45:5,6,18,21,22; 6:8; Gen. 1:1,26; 1 Cor. 8:6; Ex. 15:11; Ps. 111:9; 1 Cor. 11:3-6; Rev. 4:11; Mk. 12:29,30; Mt. 3:16,17; 1 Jn. 5:7; 2 Cor. 13:14; Mt. 28:19; Jn. 10:30,36; 1 Pet. 1:2; Gal. 4:4-7; Jn. 14:6-10,16,17;16:7-11; Col. 2:9; Heb. 1:1-3).

3. The Lord Jesus Christ

We believe that The Lord Jesus Christ was miraculously begotten of The Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, is The Seed of the woman, truly God, and truly man, and that He is both God, The Son and The Son of God. He is The Eternal Living Word of God (Isa. 7:14; Mt. 1:16-25; Lk. 1:31-35; 2:7-11; Gen. 3:15; Gal. 4:4; Phil. 2:5-11; Col. 2:9; 1 Tim. 3:16; Heb. 2:9,14-16; Jn. 5:17-23; 1:1-4,14,18; 17:5; Rev. 1:8).

4. The Holy Spirit

We believe in the personality and deity of The Holy Spirit, Who is the source and power of all acceptable worship and service which He directs to The Father; that He was active in creation; that in His relation to the unbelieving world He restrains the wicked one until The God's purpose is fulfilled: convicting the world of sin, righteousness, and judgment; that He is the agent in The New Birth and The Infallible Interpreter of The Infallible Word, Who indwells every true believer, ever present to testify of Christ, seeking to occupy us with Him and not with ourselves or our experiences; and that He baptizes, anoints, seals, empowers, guides, teaches, and assists the true believer (Jn. 14:16,17,26; 4:23,24; Phil. 3:3; Col. 2:23; Acts 1:8; Eph. 4:30; Gen. 1:1,2; Job 33:4; Ps. 104:30; 2 Thes. 2:6,7; Jn. 16:7,8-11,13-15; 3:5,6; 1 Pet. 1:22,23; 1 Cor. 2:10-14; 1 Jn. 2:27; Jn. 15:26; 1 Cor. 3:16; 6:19,20; 12:3,7-11; Eph. 1:13-14; Rom. 15:16,19,30; 8:9,14,16,27; Eph. 5:18; 4:8,31).

5. Satan

We believe in the personality of Satan, that old Serpent, the Devil, the author of Sin and all the powers of darkness; that he is the unholy god of this age, the prince of the kingdom of darkness, which deceives the whole world, and endeavors to keep souls from coming to

Christ; that he is at enmity with God, Christ, and The Church, and is destined to the judgment of an eternal justice in The Lake of Fire (Ezek. 28:12-19; Isa. 14:12-17; Gen. 3:1-14; Rev. 12:9,10; Mt. 4:1-11; Lk. 13:16; 2 Cor. 4:3,4; Eph. 2:2; 1 Jn. 5:18,19; Col. 1:13; Jas. 4:4,7; 1 Pet. 5:8; Eph. 6:11; Mt.25:41; Rev. 12:10; 20:10).

6. Man

We accept the account of original creation in Genesis and believe that man came by direct creation of The God and not by evolution; that man was created in the image of The God, after His likeness, and in innocence under the law of His Maker; that by voluntary transgression man fell from his sinless and happy state; in consequence of which all mankind are now sinners, not only by nature. but also by choice; and therefore under just condemnation without defense or excuse (Gen. 1:1,2; Col. 1:15,16,17; Jn. 1:3; Isa. 45:11-15,18; Gen. 3:1-6; Isa. 24:1; Rom. 5:12,16,18,19; Eph. 2:1-3; Jer. 17:9; Rom. 3:9-19; 1:18-20; Jer. 4:23-26).

7. Atonement

We believe in the substitutionary and propitiatory sacrifice of The Lord Jesus Christ, who partook of our nature, yet without sin, was made a curse for the sinner, bore our sins in His own body on the tree, and by His death made a full and vicarious atonement for our sins, and is The Only Means of Salvation; that no efforts or attitudes of man can add the least bit to the value of the precious blood or to the merit of that finished work of The Christ, Who rose again from the dead the third day making Him a powerful and effectual Savior; and that He is ascended and enthroned in Heaven at the right hand of The God as our High Priest and Advocate, interceding for all who commit to Him by faith (Isa. 53:4-7; Rom. 5:6-8; 1 Jn. 2:1,2; 4:10; Heb. 2:14; 4:15; Gal.3:13; 2 Cor. 5:21; Heb. 9:28; 1 Pet. 1:18,19; 2:24; 3:18; Col. 2:13,14; Rom. 3:24-26; Acts 4:12; Eph. 2:6,9; Rom. 4:24,25; 8:34; Heb.1:3; 7:25-27).

8. New Birth

We believe that in order to possess eternal life, become a child of The God, and enter The Kingdom of The God, sinners must be born again; that The New Birth is an act of The God whereby The Holy Spirit germinates The Word of The God to produce new creatures in Christ Jesus; that the new birth is instantaneous and not a process, in which dead sinners are made alive; that no degree of reformation however great, no attainment in morality however high, no culture however civilized or attractive, no humanitarian or philanthropic schemes and societies however useful, no baptism or other ordinance administered can help the sinner to take one step toward Heaven; but a new nature imparted from above; that The New Creation is brought about in a manner beyond our comprehension, solely by The Holy Spirit using The Word of The God to secure our voluntary obedience to The Gospel; and that it is evidenced by repentance (turning around 180 degrees from going your own way to going The God's way), faith (totally committing persistent trust unto The Lord Jesus Christ), and newness (new conduct) of life (Jn. 3:3-8; 1:12,13; 5:24; 2 Cor. 5:17; Eph.2:1,4,5,6; Col. 1:13; 2:6; 3:1-3,10; 1 Jn. 5:1,20; 1 Jn. 2:15-17; Jer. 13:23; Tit.3:5; 2 Pet. 1:4; 1 Pet. 1:22,23; Rom. 6:4; Ezek. 36:26,27; Acts 26:20; 2 Cor. 7:9; 1Thes. 1:9; 3:8).

9. Salvation

We believe that Salvation is the act of The God that takes a lost, guilty, perishing sinner, who repents and commits persistent, personal trust unto The Lord Jesus Christ and brings him or her into relationship with Himself as a child of God The Father. Salvation includes all the

spiritual blessings of The Gospel--*reconciliation, *justification, *righteousness *redemption, *pardon, *forgiveness *sanctification, and *glorification which Christ secured by His death and resurrection; is received by repentance and faith in The Lord Jesus Christ; that justification includes the pardon and forgiveness of sins on the basis of righteousness through faith; that at the time of transaction when Christ becomes Savior and Lord, He comes to dwell within the believer and to live out His life of holiness and power through him; that some day He will receive the child of The God to Heaven, when He will change the human body to a glorious sinless, perfect body; and that Salvation is evidenced by confession and a life of obedience to The Christ and The Word of The God; and that all who are saved are kept by The Lord Jesus Christ and cannot be lost; that once given a sheep's nature, they will not become goats; that once a child of The God by birth, never again a child of Satan; that nothing can separate us from the love of The God (Eph. 1:3; 2:6-8; Acts 13:38,39; 16:31; 17:30; 20:21; Lk. 13:3,5; Rom. 4:5,24,25; 5:1,8,9; 1 Cor. 1:30; 2 Cor. 13:5; Col. 1:27; Rev. 3:20; Gal. 2:20; Jn. 14:1-3; 1 Thes. 4:17,18; Phil. 3:20; 1 Pet. 1:24; Rom. 10:9,10; Jn. 14:23,24; Mt. 7:16-20; Jas. 1:22-25; Mt. 10:32; Jn. 10:27-31; 6:37; Eph. 1:13,14; 1 Pet. 1:5; Jude 24; Rom. 8:35-39.

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10. The Church

(A) The Church of Jesus Christ

We believe that The Church is composed of all those who truly persistently commit their heart and lives in persistent committed faith to The Lord Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord until The Lord Jesus Christ comes again to take Her to be with Himself when His Body and Bride is complete; that She is The Bride and Body of Christ, The Building of God for an habitation; that every one truly repenting and committing personal, persistent trust unto The Lord Jesus Christ, whether Jew or Gentile, is regenerated and baptized into The Body of The Christ by The Holy Spirit; that having become members one of another we are responsible to keep the unity of The Spirit in the bond of peace, rising above all sectarian prejudices and denominational bigotry, over-coming the divisions, and loving one another with a pure heart fervently (1 Cor. 1:2; Rom. 10:9-13; Eph. 1:22,23; 2:19-22; 1 Pet. 2:5; 1 Cor. 3:9; 12:12-27; 1:10-13; Rom. 12:4,5; 16:17,18; Eph. 4:3-6; Phil. 2:1-5; 1 Pet. 1:22; Rev. 19:7-9; 1 Thes. 4:14-17; Phil. 4:20,21; 1 Cor. 15:51-57; Rev. 3:20,21).

(B) The Local Church

We believe that the local church is a body or congregation (assembly) of true believers in Christ who are members of The Body of Christ in a circumscribed area, gathered in the name of The Lord Jesus Christ, associated by love and fellowship; each sharing the responsibilities and privileges as found in The God's Word; obeying the commandments of The Lord Jesus Christ; meeting for worship which specifically involves The Lord's Supper observed often; the study of The God's Word, fellowship, and prayer; that in its complete form in addition to the saints, contains pastors, teachers, elders and deacons, who meet the qualifications and perform their duties in accordance with Scripture; that its supreme mission is to proclaim The Gospel everywhere and disciple people of all nations, faithfully witnessing in reference to The Lord Jesus Christ to all people (including children) as we have opportunity; that the local church has the absolute right to self-government, free from the interference and influence of

any hierarchy of individuals and organization; and that The One and Only Head is The Lord Jesus Christ, Who directs The Church through The Holy Spirit (2 Cor. 1:1; Eph. 1:1; Mt. 18:20; Phil. 2:1; Acts 2:42; Jn. 14:15; 15:14; Mt. 26:26-28; 1 Cor. 11:23-26; Acts 20:7; Phil. 1:1; Acts 20:17-35; 1 Tim. 3:1-13; 1 Pet. 5:1-4; Acts 6:1-5; 1:8; Mk. 16:15; 10:13-16; Gal. 6:10; Mt. 28:18,19; Col. 1:18; Acts 15:13-16).

11. The Righteous and the Wicked

We believe that there is a radical difference between the righteous and the wicked; that only those, who through repentance and personal, persistent, committed trust unto The Lord Jesus Christ, obey The Gospel by receiving Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior are truly righteous in The God's sight, while all who in neglect or rejection, rebellion, and unbelief are wicked in His sight, are lost, and under the curse of Sin and are condemned to eternal punishment in the Lake of Fire; that the souls of the lost, after death shall remain in misery and torment in Hell until the final judgment at The Great White Throne at the end of Time, when spirit and soul shall be reunited at the resurrection for judging (of damnation AV) with a resurrected body that shall never die again, and shall be cast into The Lake of Fire, which is 'the second death', to be "punished with everlasting destruction in torment and misery from the presence of The Lord God, and from the glory of His power"; and that the souls of the righteous immediately pass into the presence of The Lord Jesus Christ at death, to remain in conscious bliss until the resurrection of the body at His coming in the air for His Church, when spirit, soul, and glorified body reunited shall be with Him forever in glory (Mal. 3:18; Prov. 14:32; Acts 20:21; Rom. 6:16-20; Mt. 25:34-41,46; Jn. 8:21,24; 2 Thes. 1:8,9; Lk. 16:23-31; Heb. 9:27,28; Jn. 5:28,29; Rev. 20:5,11-15; 21:8; 22:11; Phil. 1:23; 2 Cor. 5:1-8; 1 Thes. 4:13-17; Jn. 14:2,3; 1 Cor. 15:51-57; Phil. 3:20,21; Col. 3:4; 1 Jn. 3:1-3; Rev. 10:6).

12. The Return of Christ

We believe in the personal, bodily return of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, first in the air to call His Church unto Himself, known as 'the Blessed Hope set before us', for which we should be constantly looking; then at least seven years later, return physically to the Earth to rule and reign for a thousand years known as the revelation of the Lord Jesus Christ (Jn. 14:1-3; 1 Thes. 4:16,17; Tit. 2:13; Phil. 3:20; Mt. 24:30,32-46; 25:31; Mk. 8:38; 13:26; Acts 1:11; Dan. 9:24-27; Rev. 20:1-6; Dan. 9:24-27; Rev. 20:1-6; 2 Thes. 2:1-10).

13. The Rapture of The Church

We believe that The Church will be imminently translated and received into the clouds by The Lord Jesus Christ before the seven-year period of Tribulation, known as Israel's seventieth week. This translation, known theologically as The Rapture, will be followed by a time of judgment on the whole Earth. This judgment of approximately seven years will end by the visible return of The Lord Jesus Christ to the Earth to put down all rebellion and to establish The Millennial Kingdom. This pre-tribulation translation of saints is certified by:

- (1) a plain, literal interpretation of Scripture;
- (2) by the nature of The Church:
 - (A) The Body of Christ (members of His Body are The Holy Temple of The Lord),
 - (B) The Bride of Christ (object of The Lord Jesus Christ's love),
 - (C) The pillar and ground of The Truth,
 - (D) A Kingdom of Kings and Priests (if He died to deliver Her from the world He also would deliver Her from the coming wrath);

- (3) by the purpose and nature of the Tribulation period; and
(4) by the declared purpose of The God in this age of grace to call out a people for His name.

Thus the ‘Rapture’ is a ‘blessed hope’ (Tit. 2:13), a motivation for purity, a comfort, a stabilizing power, and an encouragement to steadfast labor for The Lord. A pre-tribulation Rapture is essential to the Bible doctrine of the imminent return of Christ (1 Pet. 2:9; Rev. 1:5,6; Dan. 9:27; Rev. 6:1-19:21; 2 Thes. 1:7-12; Eph. 1:22,23; 2:21; 5:25-27,30; 1 Tim. 3:16; Gal. 1:4; 1 Thes. 1:10; Tit. 2:13; 1 Jn. 3:23; 1 Thes. 4:13-5:11; Jn. 14:1-3; 1 Cor. 15:57,58; Rev. 3:10).

14. Separation

We believe that all truly regenerated people are saints, called into a life of separation unto The God which will result in a life of holiness, chastity, purity, and godliness, as well as a life of personal and corporate separation from voluntary union with those who are unclean because of unbelief, immoral practice, and / or corrupt doctrine. Therefore we should separate from worldly and sinful practices; should abstain from such amusements and habits as will cause others to stumble or bring reproach upon the name of The Lord Jesus Christ; should avoid fellowship with false teachers, false prophets, and deceitful workers or ministers as well as the world’s ecumenical, ecclesiastical religious system which calls itself a church; and should withdraw from apostates, from those who cause divisions through false doctrine (heretics), and from those claiming to be The Christ’s who walk disorderly and immorally. We believe we are created unto good works (Rom. 12:1,2; 14:13-21; 16:17,18; 1 Cor. 1:9-13; 3:1-7; 6:9,10; 2 Cor. 3-5; Gal. 4:1-9; Tit. 3:9-11; 2 Cor. 6:14-7:1; Rev. 18:4; Jas. 4:4; 1 Cor. 5:9-11; 8:9-13; 10:23-33; Col. 3:1,2; 1 Jn. 2:15-17; Tit. 2:11-14; 2 Thes. 3:6,10-15; 1 Jn. 3:10,11; 1 Pet. 1:14-16; 2 Pet. 3:10-14; Eph. 2:10).

15. The Commands of Christ

We believe that all truly regenerated people love The Lord Jesus Christ with *ἀγάπη* (ahgáhpay) love, which is a self-denying, self-renouncing, self-surrendering, self-sacrificing love; that this love is seen by observing and keeping the commandments of The Lord Jesus Christ, and that the commandments of The Christ are:

1. “Love one another”: expressly manifest by sharing our possessions with, encouraging and provoking to good works, fellowshiping with, and willing to die for one another (Jn. 15:12,13; 14:15,21-24; 1 Jn. 2:3-5; 3:24; 5:2,3; Jn. 15:9-17; 13:34,35; 2 Jn. 5; 1 Jn. 3:22-24; 4:7,8,11,12,17,19-21; 2:8-11; 3:11-18; 1 Pet. 1:22; 2:17; 3:8,9; Heb.13:1-3; 10:24,25; 1 Thes. 3:12; 4:9,10; Gal. 5:13-15; 1 Cor. 13; 2 Cor. 8:8-24).
2. “This do in remembrance of me” -- known as The Lord’s Supper: expressly observed by meeting on the first day of the week to worship God collectively in partaking of bread and fruit of the vine (Mt.26:26-30; Mk. 14:22-26; Lk. 22:19,20; 1 Cor. 23-34; Acts 20:7).
3. “Go ye into all the world and proclaim The Gospel”: expressly manifest by all believers witnessing of the love of The Lord Jesus Christ and what He means to them wherever they go and also by a definite effort to reach out at home and abroad with all that is involved in The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ (Mt. 28:18-20; Mk. 16:15; Lk. 24:46-48; Acts 1:8).
4. “Making disciples of and baptizing people of all nations”: manifest by immersing

under water all believers who seek to follow and obey The Lord Jesus Christ, reckoning themselves to be dead to sin, self, and the world, but alive unto The God, which baptism constitutes a burial with The Lord Jesus Christ (Mt. 28:19; Rom.6:1-6; Col. 2:11-14; 1 Pet. 3:21; Gal. 3:27; Acts 2:41; 8:12,6-39).

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DEFINITIONS

1. **Repentance** is the voluntary and sincere change of mind which results in a change of direction, to cease going one's own way to go The God's way and a change of lifestyle. It involves acknowledging The Truth, a hatred and confession of one's sins, and a determination not to continue therein (Isa. 53:6; Mt. 3:8; Lk. 3:8; Acts 8:21-23; 17:30; 26:20; 2 Tim. 2:25; Heb. 12:17).
2. **Faith** is a belief with the whole heart in the Lord Jesus Christ which involves an active personal trust in The God of The Scriptures and in The Lord Jesus Christ Whom He has sent, which results in transaction (an exchange of one's old sinful life for The Lord Jesus Christ's Eternal Life), action (total persistent commitment to The Lord Jesus Christ), relationship (with The God), transformation, trials, and ultimate triumph (Rom. 10:9,10; Jn. 17:3; Mk. 8:37; Heb. 11:8,17-19; 2 Tim. 1:12; 1 Jn.5:4,5).
3. **Salvation**, the all-inclusive word of The Gospel, is the work of The Godhead that takes a lost guilty sinner who repents and commits complete persistent trust upon The Lord Jesus Christ and brings him into relationship with Himself by means of regeneration (new birth by the Holy Spirit), redemption, propitiation, imputation, justification, righteousness, pardon, forgiveness of sins, reconciliation, adoption, sanctification, and glorification (Eph. 1:3; 2:6-8; Acts 13:38,39; 16:31; 17:30; 20:21; Lk. 13:3,5; Rom. 4:5,24,25; 5:1,8,9; 1 Cor. 1:30; 2 Cor. 13:5; Col. 1:27; Rev. 3:20; Gal. 2:20; Jn. 14:1-3; 1 Thes. 4:17,18; Phil. 3:20; 1 Pet. 1:24; Rom. 10:9,10; Jn. 14:23,24; Mt. 7:16-20; Jas. 1:22-25; Mt. 10:32; Jn. 10:27-31; 6:37; Eph. 1:13,14; 1 Pet. 1:5; Jude 24; Rom. 8:35-39).
4. **Regeneration** is an act of The Godhead whereby The Holy Spirit takes The Word of The God, Which a sinner has heard and has received in his or her heart concerning the life, death, and resurrection-ascension of The Lord Jesus Christ, Whom The Father has sent and impregnates that one to begin New and Absolute Eternal Life so becoming a new creature in Christ Jesus (Jn. 3:3-8; 1:12,13; 5:24; 2 Cor. 5:17; Eph.2:1,4,5,6; Col. 1:13; 2:6; 3:1-3,10; 1 Jn. 5:1,20; 1 Jn. 2:15-17; Jer. 13:23; Tit.3:5; 2 Pet. 1:4; 1 Pet. 1:22,23; Rom. 6:4; Ezek. 36:26,27; Acts 26:20; 2 Cor. 7:9; 1Thes. 1:9; 3:8).
5. **Redemption** is the act of The Godhead, in which The Lord Jesus Christ pays the whole demand of the Law for the sinner; The Father receives him as a son and heir, and The Holy Spirit delivers him from bondage to indwelling Sin unto liberty and freedom to serve The Lord Jesus Christ in holiness as a willing bondsman (Gal. 3:10,13; 4:3-9; Rom. 8:2-15; 6:3-18; 12:1,2).
6. **Propitiation** is the work of The Lord Jesus Christ on the cross of Calvary whereby He satisfied The God's righteous demands that Sin and sins be satisfied by the holy, perfect, sinless body sacrificed under the fiery wrath of The Almighty, Righteous, Holy God (1 Jn. 2:2; 4:10 Rom. 3:25; Jn. 3:36 Heb. 2:17 in Greek).

7. **Imputation** is the act of The God The Father whereby He imputed to The Lord Jesus Christ the Sin of Adam, which The God imputed to his posterity, and the sins of the world throughout all time, and imputes The God's righteousness to all who repent and persistently commit total personal trust to The Lord Jesus Christ, His perfect work of atonement on Calvary's cross, and His resurrection-ascension to apply His blood on The Mercy Seat in Heaven (Rom. 5:12-14; 2 Cor. 5:21; Isa. 53:5-7; Rom. 3:21-24; 4:5; Phile 1:17,18; James 2:23).
8. **Justification** is the act of The Godhead whereby He clears from all guilt (both Sin the root and sins the fruit) and from the condemnation of the Law; it declares righteous the sinner who repents and commits persistent trust unto The Lord Jesus Christ on the basis of His blood shed on Calvary's cross and His resurrection-ascension to apply His blood on The Mercy Seat in Heaven (Acts 13:38,39; Rom. 4:5,24,25; 5:1,9; 1 Cor. 1:30; Jn. 20:11-19 cf Heb. 9:24-26).
9. **Righteousness** in relation to Salvation is the quality of the perfect character and acts of The Godhead which He imputes and declares righteous all who repent and persistently commit total personal trust (faith) to The Lord Jesus Christ, His perfect work of atonement on Calvary's cross, and His resurrection-ascension to apply His blood on The Mercy Seat in Heaven and their declared state in His sight (Rom. 3:21-21; Rom. 5:17-21; 10:4-11; 2 Cor. 5:21; Phil. 3:8-10).
10. **Forgiveness of sins** also know as remission is the act of The Godhead whereby The Father, in grace releases from the penalty for Sin and sins through The Sacrifice of The Lord Jesus Christ and abandons them forever in the divine reckoning every sinner who repents and abandons his or her sins, commits persistent trust to The Lord Jesus Christ, and thereafter forgives or abandons the sins of all others (Mt. 26:28; Lk. 24:47; Acts 13:28,29; Eph. 1:7; 1 Jn. 1:9; Heb. 9:22; 10: 17,18; Acts 5:31).
11. **Reconciliation** is the act of The God The Father whereby restoration of two bitter enemies (The God and mankind), who once were loving friends but by unseemly and disastrous action became distasteful to each other and were thus alienated in mind and heart, by means of the death of The God's Son, The Lord Jesus Christ on the cross (Rom 5:10; 2 Cor. 5:18; Eph.2. 15,16; Col. 2:19-22a).
12. **Sanctification** is the work of The God to and for those The Lord Jesus Christ saves which sets them apart for The God from ungodly sinners and the world into a positional relationship with The God, continues to progressively and experientially separate unto The God conforming them more and more to be like The Lord Jesus Christ through The Word of God, and ultimately and permanently perfects them in absolute holiness to be like The Lord Jesus Christ perfectly. (1 Cor.1:30; 1 Thess. 5:23,24; Jn. 17:17; Eph. 5:25-27; 2 Thess. 2:13; 1 Pet. 1:2; Heb. 13:12; 10:10,14).
13. **Glorification** is the act of The God whereby He consummates the act of Salvation by completely and perfectly transforming the resurrected and translated bodies of those The Lord Jesus Christ saves into the image of The Christ (1 Jn. 3:2; Phil. 3:20,21; Jn. 17:20-22-24; 1 Cor. 15:51-57; Rom. 8: 28,29).