

# WHAT WE BELIEVE

## About the Bible

The Bible is the history of God's relationship with people, written by human beings working under God's direction. It is the ultimate truth for all people. It tells us how to conduct our lives as God's creation and as members of His family. Psalm 19:7-11; 119:105; John 17:17; 1 Thessalonians 2:13; 2 Timothy 3:16-17; 2 Peter 1:20-21

## About God

There is only one God, the Creator of all life and the ruler of the universe. God shows Himself as the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. God loves us more than we can imagine and passionately desires a relationship with us. He sent His son Jesus to make us holy and free us from the power of sin. Genesis 1:26-27; Deuteronomy 6:4; Matthew 3:13-17; John 3:16; Romans 1:18-20; 2 Corinthians 13:14; Ephesians 4:6

## About Salvation

There is nothing we can do to deserve or earn our relationship with God. It is a gift of God's love. We receive this gift (grace) through faith in the saving work of Jesus Christ. Faith involves confessing to others that Jesus is Lord and believing that God raised Him from the dead. Faith involves the changing of our heart and life to please God (repentance). Faith involves being immersed in water (baptism) to personally share in Christ's saving actions removing our sin, giving us the gift of the Holy Spirit and making us a part of God's family. John 16:17; Acts 2:38 & 15:8-11; Romans 3:21-28; 6:23; 10:9-10; 1 Corinthians 15:3-4; Philippians 2:9-11; Colossians 1:18

## About Worship

We worship God to please Him, not ourselves. Each Sunday we gather to remember Christ's death and resurrection by participating in the Lord's Supper. Assemblies are also important times for family members to encourage each other. Our daily walk with Him is also worship as we respond to what God has done for us through Jesus. We worship Him by caring for others and being the presence of Jesus in the world. Mark 7:6-7; John 4:23-24; Romans 12:1; Hebrews 10:5-7; 13:15-16; James 1:27; 1 Peter 2:5

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## About God the Son

God came to earth in human form as Jesus Christ who is the one and only Son. He was born of a virgin, lived a sinless life, was crucified for the sins of us all, was buried, rose from the dead, and ascended to heaven. He is the only one who can restore our broken relationship with God the Father. John 14:1-3; Acts 10:42-43; 1 Corinthians 15:3-8; Galatians 4:3-5; Colossians 1:13-23; 2:8-14; 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17; Hebrews 1:1-3

## About God the Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit dwells inside all who have a relationship with God through Jesus Christ. The Holy Spirit ensured that God's message was accurately preserved in the Bible. He is also our daily helper and guide. He teaches, comforts, and empowers his followers with a variety of abilities. He promotes unity, Christ-like character and love. John 14:16-17 26; Acts 2:38; Romans 5:5; 1 Corinthians 6:19-20; Galatians 4:6; Ephesians 1:13-14; 3:16-20

## About Man

We are all created by God, in His spiritual likeness, to live in an eternal relationship with Him. God also gave us free will – the ability to choose to have this relationship with Him or not. Through sin, everyone breaks their intended relationship with God. We experience the destructive consequences of that broken relationship in this life and beyond. God offers a wonderful alternative – salvation. Genesis 1:26-27; Joshua 24:14-16; Psalm 119:73; 139:13-16; John 3:16; Ephesians 1:4-5; 1 John 3:4-10

## About God's Family

Another term for God's family is the church which is the community of everyone who has been saved by Christ. They can be recognized by their commitment to following Christ, their love for God's family, and their service to their community and the world. God's family shares the good news of Jesus with others. Georgetown church is a local expression of God's family. We assemble as a part of our worship to God. Matthew 16:15-16; John 13:34-35; 17:20-23; Acts 2:42-47; 1 Corinthians 12:12-27; Ephesians 1:22-23; 2:19-22; 1 Peter 2:4-10; Revelation 2:3