

# Doctrinal Truths of the Christian Faith

Below are fundamental truths regarding man, his fallen state, and how Jesus Christ came to resolve our human dilemma. This is the bases of the Christian faith.

## Foundational Truths:

1. Man is justified by grace through faith, alone, free of any human merit.
2. The believer's salvation is for all eternity, affected neither by human merit, nor lack thereof.
3. Any religion not aligned with the above statements is not a part of the New Testament Church, the Bride of Christ. It is therefore a false religion.
4. The Scriptures (the Bible) is the ONLY complete, inerrant, infallible Word of God. It does not contain the Truth, it is Truth.
  - a. Complete – the Bible contains nothing that should not be there nor is missing anything that should be there.
  - b. Inerrant – there are no errors (mistakes) in the Bible. Every word is God's Word.
  - c. Infallible - the Bible, in its entirety, is completely true, accurate, and God breathed.

## The human dilemma:

1. All humans are born in sin. At birth, they acquire what is referred to as a 'sin nature'. This is the doctrine of the natural depravity of man. All men (and women) are sinners by birth.
2. Man cannot change his sinful nature through any effort of his own.
3. Sinful man, as he is, is separated from God.
4. Man, by nature, does not seek God, but distances himself from God. Sinful man hates God.
5. Man's sin nature, if not intervened, will culminate in spiritual death and eternal Hell.

## The answer to the human dilemma:

1. Man, by his own efforts, cannot redeem himself. A lifetime of good works will never be sufficient merit to meet God's approval and salvation.
2. Only through Jesus Christ, the Son of God, can a man find forgiveness for his sin, receive the new birth, and be granted eternal life, based on his faith in Christ's efficacious death on the cross on his behalf.

## The Person of Jesus Christ:

1. He is God the Son, the second person of the Trinity
2. He has no beginning nor end. He has, is, and will be for all eternity
3. He was God incarnate in the flesh.
4. Being born of a virgin, he was and is without sin.
5. He was crucified as payment for our sin, buried, and bodily rose from the dead on the third day.
6. He ascended to Heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father.
7. He will bodily return again to set up His millennial kingdom here on earth.
8. Upon making His enemies His footstool, He will establish Himself as King of Kings and Lord of Lords for all eternity.