

1. **We believe** in the verbal and plenary inspiration of the sixty-six books of the Old and New Testament Scriptures which are inerrant in the original autographs, and that they are the supreme, sufficient and final authority in faith and life. The Bible is to be interpreted in the normal, historical, grammatical, literal manner. (Mt. 5:18-19; 2 Tim. 3:16-17; 2 Pet. 1:19-21)
2. **We believe** in one God — eternal, omnipotent, omniscient, and omnipresent, existing as three Persons — Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one in nature, attributes, power, and glory. (Gen. 1:1-26; Ex. 20:2-3; Mt. 28:19-20; 2 Cor. 13:14)
3. **We believe** that the Lord Jesus Christ is the eternal Son of God, begotten by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, and is true God and true Man. Jesus Christ died on the cross as a substitutionary sacrifice for sin, bodily rose from the dead, ascended into heaven, now intercedes for believers, and is coming again for His church. (Is. 9:6, 7:14; Lk. 1:35; Jn. 1:1-14,18; 2 Cor. 5:21; 1 Cor. 15:1-3; Acts 1:10-11; Heb. 7:25; 1 Jn. 2:2; 1 Thes. 4:13-18.)
4. **We believe** the Holy Spirit is the person of the Godhead who in this present age convicts the world of sin, righteousness, and judgment, who regenerates and baptizes into the body of Christ those who believe, and who indwells and seals them unto the day of redemption. We believe the Holy Spirit is the Divine Teacher who guides believers into all truth, and it is the privilege of believers to be filled with, and their duty to walk in, the Holy Spirit. We are not in accord with the public or private use of sign gifts today. (Jn. 16:8-11; 1 Cor. 12:13; Eph. 1:13-14, 4:30, 5:18; 1 Cor. 2:13; Gal. 5:16)
5. **We believe** that God created the heavens and the earth including all life, each after its own species, by direct act and not by the process of evolution. (Gen. 1 & 2; Col. 1:16-17; Jn. 1:3; Ex. 20:11)
6. **We believe** that man was created perfect in the image of God, that he sinned and thereby incurred not only physical death, but also spiritual and eternal death, which is separation from God, and that all human beings are born with a sinful nature and are sinners in thought, word, and deed. (Gen. 1:26-27, 3:1-6; Ps. 51:5; Rom. 1:18-32, 3:10-19, 5:12-19)
7. **We believe** that all who exercise personal faith in the Lord Jesus Christ are by grace born again of the Holy Spirit and thereby become children of God and are now justified by the blood of Christ, and that from that moment of belief are secured unto the day of redemption. (Eph. 2:8-9; Jn. 3:16; Rom. 5:9; Tit. 3:5; 1 Jn. 5:11-13; Jn. 10:28-29)
8. **We believe** that the Church of Jesus Christ was begun at Pentecost, is composed solely of believers, and is the Body and Bride of our Lord. The purpose of the local church is to glorify God by building itself up in the faith, by instruction of the Word, by fellowship, by keeping the ordinances and by advancing and communicating the gospel to the entire world. (Acts 2:1-6, 11:15, 2:41-42; Eph. 5:25-33, 3:31, 4:13-16; 2 Tim. 2:2,15, 3:16-17; Acts 2:47; 1 Jn. 1:3; Lk. 22:19; Acts 2:38-42; Mt. 28:19; Acts 1:8)
9. **We believe** that the scriptural ordinances of the local church are Baptism and the Lord's Supper; that Baptism, by immersion, should be administered to believers only, as an identifying symbol of their belief in the death, burial, and resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and our death to sin and resurrection to a new walk in life, and that it is a prerequisite to local church membership; that the Lord's Supper is a commemoration of His death and should be preceded by believer's baptism and solemn self-examination. (Mt. 28:19-20; Acts 8:36-39, 18:8; Rom. 6:3-5; Col. 2:12; 1 Cor. 11:23-32)

10. **We believe** in the imminent "Blessed Hope," the rapture of the Church before the tribulation, and in the personal, pre-millennial coming of the Lord Jesus Christ to the earth with all His saints. (Jn. 14:1-3; Tit. 2:13; 1 Thes. 4:13-18, 1:9; Zech. 14:4-11; Rev. 3:10, 19:11-16)
11. **We believe** in the resurrection of the just and the unjust, the eternal conscious blessedness of the believer in heaven with the Lord and the everlasting conscious punishment of the unbeliever in the lake of fire with the devil and his angels. (Acts 24:15; Jn. 5:28-29; Mt. 25:46; Jn. 11:25-26; Rev. 20:10-15; Jude 6-7; Mt. 25:41; Rev. 22:5)
12. **We believe** the Scriptures teach that all angels were created by our Lord Jesus Christ. The elect angels are now the servants of God and minister to the saints. The fallen angels followed Satan in his rebellion and fell. We believe that there is a personal, created being called Satan who is "the god of this age" and "the prince of the power of the air," who is full of all subtlety, who seeks continually to frustrate the purposes of God and to ensnare the sons of men, and who was conquered by Christ on the cross and condemned to everlasting punishment. (Col. 1:16; Heb. 1:14; 2 Cor. 4:4, 11:13-15; Eph. 2:2; Heb. 2:14; Rev. 12:9)
13. **We believe** that the holiness of God demands that separation is a doctrine as well as a practice, and that the separation principle runs through the entire Bible. We believe that true spiritual fellowship is the result of common faith and practice. We believe there are several aspects of biblical separation which include:
  - a. **Focused separation** — separation of the believer unto Jesus Christ and His Gospel and a commitment unto fellowship with other missions, organizations, and indigenous churches whose doctrine and policy are harmonious with GMSA. (Rom. 1:1; Acts 13:2; Col. 2:10; Eph. 4:1-6; Rom. 14:13; Heb. 10:25)
  - b. **Political separation** — separation of church and state. (Lk. 20:25)
  - c. **Personal separation** — separation of the believer from the world and sin in order to serve God. (Josh. 24:15; Rom. 12:1-2,14; 2 Cor. 6:14-7:1; Eph. 5:15-18; 1 Jn. 2:15-17; Jas. 4:4)
  - d. **Ecclesiastical separation** — separation of the church from apostasy, as well as neo-orthodoxy, neo-evangelicalism or ecumenical compromise (in evangelism, in the Charismatic movement, and worldly influences in the church). (2 Cor. 6:14-18; Tit. 3:10; 2 Tim. 3:5, 4:2-4; 2 Jn. 10-11; Phil. 3:17-18; 1 Jn. 2:15-17)
  - e. **Familial separation** — separation of the believer from an unrepentant, erring brother, when doctrinal or ethical and moral compromise creeps into his life or ministry. (Rom. 16:17; 1 Cor. 5:11; 2 Thes. 3:6,14-15; Mt. 18:15-17; Gal. 6:1)
14. **We believe** that missions is the obedience of churches and individuals to Christ's Great Commission. This divine mandate is carried out when local, reproducing churches are established in different countries, and this command is fulfilled when these churches accept their own responsibility for world wide evangelism. (Mt. 28:18-20; Lk. 24:46-48; Acts 1:8; Jn. 20:21; Acts 13:1-4, 14:21-25; 2 Tim. 2:2)